

County and Tribal Matching Grant: Match Requirements

Purpose:

The County and Tribal Matching Grant supports **jail diversion** and **crisis intervention** services.

Eligibility:

Only county governments, federally recognized tribal governments, or a group of county and/or federally recognized tribal governments may apply.

Match Rate Determination:

Per [53-21-1203, Montana Code Annotated \(MCA\)](#):

The department shall develop a **sliding scale** for state grants **based upon the historical use of the Montana State Hospital** with a high-use applicant receiving a lower percentage of matching funds. The sliding scale must be based upon the number of admissions by applicant region compared to total admissions and upon the population of the applicant region compared to the state population.

Per [Administrative Rules of Montana 37.89.1005](#):

- The Department calculates the sliding scale using the previous year's Montana State Hospital admission data.
 - The Department **may match up to 70% of the local investment** to offerors below the statewide average admission rate. (County/Tribe: \$100 = State: \$70)
 - The Department may match on a **sliding scale of 50% to 70% in equal 5% increments** to offerors at or above the statewide average admission rate. The Department's **match will not be less than 50% of the local investment**. (County/Tribe: \$100 = State: \$50)
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Soft vs. Hard Match:

The County and Tribal Matching Grant requires a **“soft” or “in-kind” match**, ***NOT*** a **“hard” or “cash” match**. While offerors may contribute dollars to meet their match requirement, they are not required to do so. Offerors can utilize the **value of existing resources** to meet their match requirement. Existing resources can include the value of things such as personnel, office space, supplies, or equipment that will support the grant project.

Questions?

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