

INVITATION FOR PROPOSALS

Provision of Mental Health Treatment Services and Substance Use Disorder Treatment Services for Participants in the Criminal Mental Health Court Johnson County, Iowa

October 13, 2026

Project

Provision of mental health and substance use disorder treatment and support services as part of the County's criminal mental health court program.

Issue Date

October 13, 2026

Responses Due

Tuesday, November 3, 2026

Project Overview

Johnson County, Iowa is soliciting qualifications and fee proposals from qualified mental health treatment and substance use disorder treatment providers to provide treatment and support services related to the establishment and operation of a criminal mental health specialty court in Johnson County, Iowa.

This project is anticipated to develop a working team to support, monitor and treat individuals on probation for criminal charges that experience significant mental health diagnoses and substance use disorder diagnoses.

The County seeks an experienced mental health and substance use disorder treatment provider to assist in the development of policies and procedures, coordination, monitoring, support and provision of services to individuals on probation for criminal convictions that experience significant mental health challenges and sometimes co-occurring substance use disorders. The treatment provider would coordinate the team of individuals involved in assisting and supporting the defendants as they move through probation to stabilize, treat and manage the participants' chronic mental health diagnoses and substance use disorders.

Project Funding

\$190,000

Project Duration: initially FY2027, with a potential for extending

Scope of Services

The selected treatment provider shall provide services including, but not limited to:

- Evaluation, development, implementation and delivery of appropriate therapeutic plans for each participant in the mental health court.
- Transportation of participants to medical appointments, therapy appointments, and treatment programs as needed.
- Provide regular written reports and updates to the mental health court team about each participant's progress, participation in treatment and current needs.
- Coordinate and participate in regular staffing meetings, court dates and other meetings as part of the mental health court team.
- Participate in regular trainings required by the court and keep current on best practices for treatment courts and the professional practice of treatment providers.

Minimum Qualifications

Respondents shall:

- Be a fully accredited treatment provider for mental health treatment and substance use disorder treatment.
- Demonstrate experience providing mental health treatment services and substance use disorder treatment services to individuals with chronic mental health conditions and substance use disorder diagnoses.
- Possess experience working as part of a team to problem solve in the community and justice system context preferably in Iowa.
- Maintain professional liability insurance appropriate for the services proposed.

CCBHC Designation

While it is not required, any respondent that is designated as a certified community behavioral health clinic (CCBHC) as defined by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration shall so state and describe the basis for the certification and what services the respondent provides.

Proposal Requirements

Proposals should include:

1. Firm background and organizational overview.
2. Description of relevant experience as a treatment provider.
3. Identification and qualifications of key personnel assigned to the project.
4. Description of the firm's proposed approach to work as part of a team to provide services and support to participants in the context of the criminal mental health court.
5. At least three references from other agencies or partners that have worked with the firm on collaborative or team projects.
6. Disclosure of any actual or potential conflicts of interest.
7. Proof of professional liability insurance coverage.

Firms submitting a proposal may be required to provide additional detailed information.

Evaluation Framework

Proposals will be evaluated on a variety of factors, using the following general framework as a guide:

Criteria	Weight
Relevant Experience with Similar Projects	40%
Qualifications of Assigned Personnel	30%

Criteria	Weight
Project Understanding and Approach	20%
References and Past Performance	10%

The award of contract will be at the sole discretion of the Board of Supervisors.

Solicitation Contact Person

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 Johnson County Attorney
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Submission Instructions

Submit one electronic PDF copy of the proposal to the County's contact person designated above.

Reservation of Rights

The County reserves the right to reject any or all proposals, waive informalities, request additional information, negotiate terms and fees, and award a contract to the respondent whose proposal is determined to be in the County's best interest, which may not be the lowest cost. The County reserves the right to cancel the whole or any part of the resulting contract, with or without cause, upon giving at least 30 days' notice.

Questions regarding this RFP shall be directed to the County's designated contact person.