Adult Redeploy Illinois Program Implementation Grants (ARI)

Responses to Applicant Questions

1. **Q: I was wondering if there was a place that listed any offenses that are prohibited from entering the ARI program. I know that it is open to any probation-eligible offender, but does that include EVERY client that gets probation? For example, if someone gets TASC on a Class X or 1, would they still be eligible? Are the “usual” offenses such as Aggravated Arson, Kidnapping, etc. also excluded?**

A: Public Act 100-999 amended ARI’s enabling legislation, the [Crime Reduction Act](http://ilga.gov/legislation/ilcs/ilcs3.asp?ActID=3156) (730 ILCS 190/1), so that expanded eligibility means any offense that can get probation is eligible. Offenses ineligible for probation are listed in 730 ILCS 5/5-5-3(c)(2). ARI does not maintain a separate list of prohibited offenses.  
  
Please check with your local state’s attorney’s office about what offenses are excluded from eligibility based on mandatory prison sentences. In some cases, offense-specifics and/or criminal history may be relevant. Your local state’s attorney may know the specifics and/or may reduce charges in order to allow an individual into the program. Such decisions are up to the local stakeholders.

1. **Q: I just completed the notice of intent to apply for this next year.  One question I have after viewing the recorded video is are we expected to stay within our previous years funding award? Or are we allowed to request additional funds?**

**Q: We will be submitting an application for renewal. I was wondering if there are restrictions on what to request for the budget total? I was not certain if we were limited to at-level funding from SFY20 or if any amount could be requested as long as it is cost-effective.**

A: Current sites are not restricted to the previous year’s funding level. Applicants can request up to the amount they need and can reasonably spend to operate an effective prison diversion strategy in their jurisdiction, which should be clearly explained in the Program Narrative and detailed in the Budget and Budget Narrative. The anticipated range for award amounts is $50,000 to $1 million. Proposed programs must be designed to serve “prison-bound” individuals, with at least 80% of those enrolled scoring medium- to high-risk. Proposed programs must incorporate the principles of effective interventions; invest in evidence-based or -informed practices; and demonstrate cost-effectiveness, representing substantial savings to the state compared to incarceration (currently, the cost-effectiveness cap is $15,000 per person served). Award amounts are subject to the availability of funds and the competitiveness of the proposal.

1. **Q: I am beginning to write the 2021 Implementation grant. I see it more like the federal grant template than prior grant cycles. There is a page length on the #1. Summary of Program, but I do not see a page length on any other section. Is there no specific page length? Is the[re] a total page length maximum? Must it be formatted in a specific font or margin?**
2. As indicated on pages 17-18 of the [Notice of Funding Opportunity instructions](https://icjia.illinois.gov/gata/materials/funding/2020-ari-sfy21/ARISFY21NOFO.pdf), under “Application Formatting,” the total page limit for the Program Narrative is 20 pages, single-spaced, with 12-point font (Times New Roman preferred) and 1-inch margins. The Uniform Application for State Grant Assistance, Budget and Budget Narrative, and other required documents are not included in the 20-page limit.