Funding Proposal

Christian County Jail

IGNITE Program

Substance Use Disorder Treatment, Dental Care, Education, and Reentry Preparation

Submitted to: Christian County Commission

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Total Funding Request: $145,000

Proposed Funding Period: 52 weeks

1. Summary

Christian County Jail respectfully requests $145,000 to support implementation of the Christian County Jail IGNITE Program, including substance use disorder programming, dental care for inmates with identified needs, a part-time program coordinator, and the technology and educational resources needed to establish the initiative.

IGNITE, which stands for Inmate Growth Naturally and Intentionally Through Education, is a national initiative of the National Sheriffs' Association designed to expand educational and personal-development opportunities in county jails.

Christian County Jail intends to become the first county jail in Missouri to implement this initiative. The program will provide opportunities for inmates to participate in substance use disorder programming, dental care referrals and treatment support, budgeting and financial literacy, anger management, workforce development, and other educational activities designed to prepare them for life after release.

The proposed funding request consists of:

- $90,000 for 52 weeks of substance abuse programming through The Solution, serving 25 participants.
- $10,000 for dental care for inmates with identified dental needs, including needs that may be associated with prior substance use.
- $30,000 for a part-time IGNITE Program Coordinator to organize program delivery, coordinate partners and volunteers, track outcomes, and support program continuity.
- $10,000 for technology and equipment to support program delivery.
- $3,000 for books, workbooks, and educational curriculum.
- $2,000 for program supplies and miscellaneous educational materials.

Burrell Behavioral Health (Center Stone) will provide in-person substance abuse counseling and assist inmates with arranging treatment services following release through its grant-funded CBHL (Community Behavioral Health Liaison) position, at no direct cost to Christian County under the current arrangement.

The proposed investment will establish a foundation for coordinated treatment, dental care, education, program oversight, and reentry preparation. The county will distinguish expenses eligible for opioid settlement funding from general educational, staffing, and startup expenses that may require another funding source.

2. Program Background and Purpose

The IGNITE initiative provides a framework for helping individuals use their time in jail to develop knowledge, skills, and personal resources that may support successful reentry into the community.

Christian County Jail's implementation will expand opportunities for inmates to participate in structured programming that addresses substance use disorders and practical challenges associated with returning to the community. The proposal also recognizes that untreated dental problems can be an additional barrier to comfort, nutrition, self-confidence, and preparation for employment and reentry.

Planned program components include:

- Substance use disorder counseling and recovery education.
- Dental care assessment, treatment support, and referrals for inmates with identified needs, subject to provider availability and clinical recommendations.
- Budgeting and financial literacy.
- Anger management and decision-making.
- Workforce development and employment preparation.
- Personal development and reentry planning.

Substance use disorder treatment will remain a core component of this initiative. By combining treatment with practical life-skills education, attention to dental health needs, and assistance connecting with services after release, the program will address multiple needs that may affect an individual's ability to maintain recovery and build a stable life in the community.

3. Substance Use Disorder Programming

The Solution Substance Abuse Program

The Solution will provide substance abuse programming through Webex for 25 participants over a 52-week period.

Annual contract cost: $90,000.

The program will provide structured opportunities for participants to address substance use, increase their understanding of addiction, develop recovery-oriented decision-making skills, and identify steps toward continued recovery.

Burrell Behavioral Health

Burrell Behavioral Health will provide in-person substance abuse counseling through its grant-funded CBHL position.

Burrell will also assist inmates with connecting to appropriate treatment services following release. Depending on individual needs and service availability, this may include identifying treatment providers, facilitating referrals, and helping arrange follow-up appointments.

These services will complement The Solution's programming and provide a connection between counseling during incarceration and continued treatment in the community.

Direct annual cost to Christian County: $0, based on the current grant-funded position and service arrangement.

4. Dental Care Support — $10,000

Christian County Jail requests $10,000 to help address dental needs among inmates, including poor oral health that may be associated with prior substance use. The funding would support access to appropriate dental services for inmates whose needs are identified during incarceration, subject to available provider capacity, clinical assessment, and actual treatment costs.

Depending on provider recommendations and costs, eligible uses may include dental assessments, treatment of urgent dental problems, and coordination of follow-up care or referrals. The specific services and number of individuals served will depend on the severity of need and the prices quoted by participating providers.

Addressing dental problems may help reduce pain and other barriers that can interfere with daily functioning, participation in programming, and preparation for release. Dental care will complement the program's substance use disorder treatment and reentry objectives; it is not a substitute for clinical assessment or ongoing community dental care.

5. Part-Time IGNITE Program Coordinator — $30,000

Christian County Jail requests $30,000 for a part-time IGNITE Program Coordinator for the proposed 52-week program period. The position will provide dedicated responsibility for coordinating daily program activities and supporting consistent implementation, documentation, and continuous improvement.

Proposed responsibilities include:

- Coordinate schedules and delivery of substance use disorder programming, educational classes, and volunteer-led activities.
- Coordinate with The Solution, Burrell Behavioral Health, dental providers, community organizations, and other program partners.
- Organize approved program resources, educational materials, technology, and classroom activities in accordance with jail policies.
- Track enrollment, attendance, services delivered, referrals, and other program performance measures.
- Support release planning by helping coordinate referrals and connections to appropriate community services, in partnership with qualified providers.
- Maintain program records, prepare periodic reports, document expenditures, and support compliance with applicable funding and county requirements.

6. Additional Startup Funding: Technology and Educational Resources

To implement IGNITE effectively, Christian County Jail will need technology, instructional materials, and basic supplies to support structured educational programming. The Jail requests $15,000 to establish these resources.

A. Technology and Equipment — $10,000

Requested funding will support the purchase of technology and equipment necessary for approved educational and program activities.

- Tablets for supervised educational use.
- Monitors and audiovisual equipment.
- Headphones and related accessories.

Purchases will be based on documented needs, vendor quotes, existing equipment inventories, and jail security requirements.

B. Books and Educational Curriculum — $3,000

Funding will support books, workbooks, instructional guides, and other curriculum materials for approved program activities.

- Substance use disorder education and recovery.
- Budgeting and financial literacy.
- Anger management and decision-making.
- Workforce readiness and employment preparation.
- Personal development and reentry planning.

C. Program Supplies and Miscellaneous Materials — $2,000

Funding will support consumable supplies needed to conduct classes and distribute instructional materials.

- Paper, pens, pencils, and folders.
- Printing and copying supplies.
- Workbooks and instructional handouts.
- Other necessary educational materials associated with approved programming.

7. Consolidated Budget

Budget category	Amount
The Solution — 52 weeks of substance abuse programming for 25 participants	$90,000
Dental care support for inmates	$10,000
Part-time IGNITE Program Coordinator	$30,000
Technology and equipment	$10,000
Books and educational curriculum	$3,000
Program supplies and miscellaneous materials	$2,000
TOTAL PROGRAM FUNDING REQUEST	**$145,000**

Burrell Behavioral Health's grant-funded services are provided at no direct cost to the county under the current arrangement and are not included in the requested amount. Additional instructors and participants will be on a volunteer basis where available and will be at no additional cost to the county.

10. Accountability and Sustainability

Christian County Jail will maintain documentation of expenditures, provider services, dental care support, coordinator activities, equipment purchases, and program participation consistent with applicable requirements.

The county will review purchases and services for necessity, cost, security compatibility, and funding eligibility. Existing resources will be used where practical, and equipment will be managed in accordance with jail policies.

The part-time Program Coordinator will support consistent scheduling, partner communication, recordkeeping, reporting, and identification of future resources. Burrell Behavioral Health's existing grant-funded position provides an opportunity to leverage outside resources without adding a direct county expense for those services under the current arrangement. Additional IGNITE programming may be developed through partnerships, grants, donations, volunteers, and future funding opportunities.

11. Conclusion

Christian County Jail's implementation of the IGNITE initiative will create an opportunity to expand inmate education, substance use disorder programming, dental care support, and preparation for release.

The proposed $90,000 investment in The Solution's substance abuse programming, complemented by Burrell Behavioral Health's grant-funded counseling and treatment coordination, will provide a defined treatment component within the broader initiative. An additional $10,000 would support dental care for inmates with identified needs. A $30,000 part-time Program Coordinator would provide dedicated coordination and accountability for the program. The remaining $15,000 would support technology, books, curriculum, and supplies needed to establish and deliver educational programming.

Christian County respectfully requests that the Commission consider approval of a total program funding package of $145,000 for the proposed 52-week period. The Commission is also requested to identify the appropriate funding source for each expense and authorize opioid settlement expenditures only where eligibility has been established.

This investment will help establish the foundation for a coordinated program that supports recovery, oral health, education, practical life skills, and preparation for reentry into the Christian County community.

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Requested Funding Breakdown

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