

Alternative Response Team Grant Program

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About AWC

- Founded in 1933
- Private, nonprofit, nonpartisan corporation
- Represent all 281 cities in Washington
- Provide advocacy, training, data, and pooling programs



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Grant Background

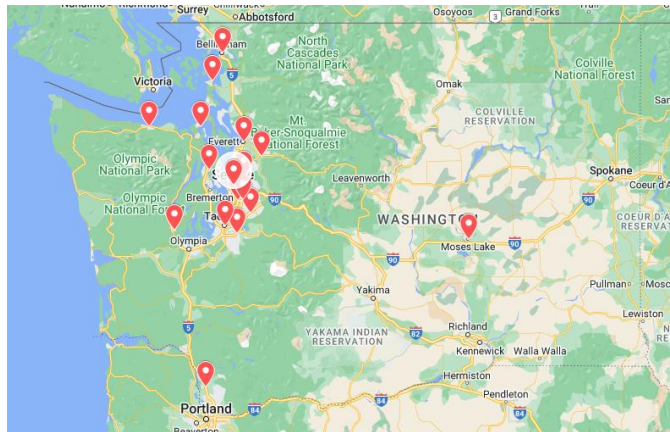
- Originally launched in 2022
- Funding is allocated in the state operating budget
- Oversight is provided by Health Care Authority
- Focus is on new programs
- Reimbursement based



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Programs

17 programs funded
between 2022-2024



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Purpose

The purpose of the ARTG Program is to provide funding to cities to create new programs within different alternative response models including law enforcement assisted diversion (LEAD), community assistance referral and education (CARES), and mobile crisis teams.



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Funding

- \$1.9 million in the state operating budget (\$3.8 over the biannual budget)
- Only state funds – No federal funds
- Longevity of the program is based on renewal with the state



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Who can apply?

- Cities are the only eligible entity who can apply for the ARTG Program.
- Programs that have been active for less than 18 months or who are currently receiving ARTG funding.
- Non-city groups may work with a city to submit an application.
 - However, the city will be responsible for the program as well as serving as the fiscal agent.



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How can funds be used?

- The ARTG Program can fund a wide range of expenses cities may incur when establishing an alternative response team.
 - Staffing
 - Contracted Services
 - Supplies & Equipment
 - Training
- We encourage applicants to focus on critical staff and services in their applications.



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How much can we apply for?

- Cities may apply for any amount of funding.
- If an applicant's request is only partially funded, AWC will work with the applicant to create a Scope of Work and Budget Narrative to reflect the level of funding.



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Duration of grant

- July 1, 2024, to June 30, 2025
- Final report and reimbursement due July 31, 2025



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Application

- Application will require:
 - Program overview
 - Organization and key personnel
 - List of facility-based crisis triage and stabilization services located within program boundaries
 - Program narrative
 - Program budget
 - Program sustainability
 - Letters of support



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Application – Program overview

Provide a brief abstract of your proposed program. Include a summary of your program goals, need for funds, and expected outcomes. Please limit your abstract to about 500 words.



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Application – Organization and key personnel

- List full names of key individuals involved in the program. Include qualifications, relevant experience, and other characteristics that make them suited for their role.
- Detail the roles and responsibilities of each organization involved in the program. Clearly explain lines of authority between organizations.



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Application – Available beds

- List the names, addresses, and bed counts for any facility-based crisis triage and stabilization services located within your program boundaries.
- If you do not have services located directly within your program boundary but do have some located in your county or neighboring county, please list those facilities.



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Program narrative

- Provide an overview of your program goals, objectives, and outcomes. Please specifically address how your program will:
 - Reduce arrests, time spent in custody, and/or recidivism for individuals served by your program.
 - Increase access and utilization of non-emergency behavioral health services.
 - Reduce use of emergency services
 - Increase resiliency, stability, and well-being of individuals served
- Provide an overview of local challenges and needs. Include a description of who your program will serve.
- Describe any foreseen challenges your jurisdiction may face in the coming year. Explain how you plan to address these challenges.
- Describe the evidence-based practices that will be used in your program.
- Provide an overview of how your program will be staffed.
- If your program will not be operational by July 1, 2024, please provide a timeline of when your program will be operational and providing services.



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Program budget

- Provide an overview of your requested funding amount.
- Provide details of requested funding for contracts, and staffing. Details should include a description of roles and duties of specific staffing positions and contracts.
- Provide details of requested funding for supplies and equipment as well as requested training.
- Provide an overview of other non-ART Grant funds that will be used to support this program. This can include city general funds, other private or public grants, other funding sources, or in-kind items.



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Program sustainability

The ARTG Program is meant to help cities during the startup period of creating an alternative response team program. Explain how your jurisdiction will continue to fund this program after grant funds are no longer available. Include what steps your jurisdiction will take to ensure this program will be self-funded in the near future.



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Letters of support

Letters of support should be included for listed partners, the authorized agent of the city, and any other relevant organizations. Letters of support should explain how the organization will support or directly aid the proposed program.



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Application

- Applications due by Friday, April 12, 2024
- Applications must be emailed to grants@awcnet.org
- Application will be available on AWC's website by EOD March 11



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Reporting

- Short monthly status reports
- Larger final report due July 31, 2025



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Final Report

A final program report is due to AWC by July 31, 2025. Programs should make reasonable efforts to collect and report on the following information:

- Describe program participants including:
 - Number of individuals served
 - Gender (Male, Female, Nonbinary, etc.) of individuals served
 - Age of individuals served
 - Veteran status of individuals served
 - Substance abuse or mental health issues of individuals served
 - Reason for contact
 - Outcome of contact (No outcome, referral to services, involuntary transport, etc.)
 - Long-term outcome of individual receiving services (No outcome, permanent housing, shelter, etc.)
- Describe the type of program funded and the geographic area served.
- Explain how the program targeted vulnerable individuals.
- Explain how the program created greater access for vulnerable individuals to available programs and services.
- Discuss program successes and challenges.



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Grant Agreement

- Review the grant agreement prior to submitting an application.
- AWC will not make adjustments to grant agreements



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Program examples



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Regional Crisis Response (RCR) Agency

- Interlocal agency supporting Bothell, Kenmore, Kirkland, Lake Forest Park, Shoreline
- Independent agency funded through city contributions, grants, other funding sources
- Kirkland acts as the fiscal agent. Kirkland submitted grant application.
- Grant funds two FTEs



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Monroe

- Partnership between the cities of Monroe and Sultan, Volunteers of America, EvergreenHealth
- Mobile mental health program dispatched via 988
- Grant funds city human services coordinator as well as staffing at partner agencies
- Monroe submitted the grant application and serves as the fiscal agent



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Moses Lake

- CARES program run out of the Moses Lake Fire Department
- Program provides case management as well as works with community partners to meet the needs of individuals in crisis
- Grant funds one FTE



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Port Townsend

- Interlocal program between Port Townsend and East Jefferson Fire & Rescue to create CARES program
- Port Townsend serves as fiscal agent. Port Townsend submitted application
- Program serves individuals within Port Townsend and the EJFR service area
- Grant funds social worker, SUD professional, case manager, and EJFR FTE



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Renton

- Co-response program created in partnership with Project Be Free (PBF)
- Program responds alongside Renton first responders during DV calls
- Grant funds PBF crisis responders and behavioral health professionals
- Renton submitted the application and serves as the fiscal agent



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Examples

- RCR – Cities working together
- Monroe – Cities partnering with outside service provider
- Moses Lake – Standalone city program
- Port Townsend – City partnering with fire district
- Renton – City partnering with local non-profit



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FAQs



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What is the funding source of this grant?

The ARTG program is funded by state general fund dollars. Grant funds originate with the Health Care Authority; however, AWC oversees the grant program and administers reimbursements.



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FAQs

Are existing programs eligible to apply for funding?

The goal of the grant is to help cities with the cost of creating co-responder programs. In keeping with that goal, programs that have been implemented for less than 18 months at the time of application are eligible to receive funding. Programs that should apply include brand new programs, programs in development, pilot programs, and first-year programs.

Current recipients of ART grant funds can apply and may receive funding for qualifying applications up to three total grant cycles depending on performance, application competitiveness, and availability of funds.



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FAQs

Can counties, fire districts, other public agencies, or non-profits apply for funding?

No – This program is specifically to reimburse cities for costs associated with creating co-responder programs. Cities are encouraged to partner with outside organizations including counties, fire districts, non-profits, and others. However, cities must apply for funding and must serve as the fiscal agent.



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FAQs

How much funding can a jurisdiction apply for?

There is not a limit to how much funding a city can apply for. We understand that costs can vary depending on where a jurisdiction is located and want to provide adequate funding to cities to effectively stand-up programs in their communities. We encourage applicants to thoughtfully consider their needs and expenses as they complete the grant application.



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FAQs

Will additional funding be available in the future?

As these are state funds, we cannot guarantee that funding will continue into the future.



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FAQs

Our jurisdiction does not have crisis stabilization and triage beds available in our community. Should we still apply for funding?

Yes – It is not a requirement to receive funds that your city has these beds available. AWC is directed to give preference to programs that do have these beds readily available.



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FAQs

What types of programs are eligible to apply?

The state budget proviso specifically mentions alternative response programs including law enforcement assisted diversion (LEAD), community assistance referral and education (CARES), and mobile crisis teams.

Programs should have a focus on serving individuals living with drug addiction, mental illness, homelessness, or individuals who are high utilizers of emergency services.

It is understood that once established, alternative response programs will serve a wide variety of individuals.



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Pre-submitted Questions

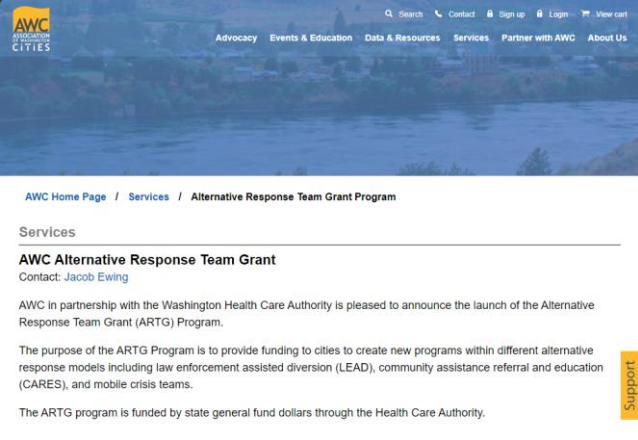
- Could this fund a city employed medical provider?
- Grant constraints or restrictions. New programs only or do grant opportunities include program expansion or sustainability?
- Will this funding be available for programs that are currently grant funded and at risk of shutting down without a continued funding source?
- If you have previously received ARTG funding for a program, can you reapply for funding for that same program?



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Information, Recording, Materials

Visit: wacities.org/services/alternative-response-team-grant-program



The screenshot shows the AWC website header with navigation links: Search, Contact, Sign up, Login, and View cart. The main menu includes Advocacy, Events & Education, Data & Resources, Services, Partner with AWC, and About Us. The breadcrumb trail reads: AWC Home Page / Services / Alternative Response Team Grant Program. The page title is "Services". The main heading is "AWC Alternative Response Team Grant" with contact information for Jacob Ewing. The text describes the program's launch in partnership with the Washington Health Care Authority and its purpose to fund alternative response models like LEAD, CARES, and mobile crisis teams. A "Support" button is visible on the right side.



Questions?



Thank you!

Recording and webpage available soon.

