

Montana Judicial Branch
HB654/HB684 (2019 Legislature)

HB654 created a state special revenue fund for the purpose of providing additional funding to treatment courts. The bill was funded with a \$500 per year fee for opioid distributors. Spending was capped at \$250,000 per year starting in FY2021.

HB684 moved \$2 million into the fund created in HB654 but did not change the amount that could be spent per year. HB684 also put an obligation in statute to conduct performance evaluations of each treatment court.

FY2021 Allocation \$250,000

- Grant matches for new federal grants starting in FY21: **\$25,000**
 - Ravalli County Adult Felony Court
 - Hill County Adult Felony Court
 - Yellowstone County Indian Child Welfare Court
 - Northern Cheyenne Healing to Wellness Court
 - Butte Silver Bow Municipal Veterans Court

- Evaluation Development and Deployment **\$50,000**
 - Funding pays for training new peer evaluators and deploying the peer review evaluations to comply with 46-1-1104, MCA as modified in HB684

- Statewide Drug Court Training **\$20,000**
 - Support travel costs for Native American Healing to Wellness court team members to attend the statewide drug court conference
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- TeleHealth Match **\$50,000**
 - Provide match and necessary tech to implement the telehealth service project

- Mini-grants for docket expansion for existing treatment courts **\$105,000**
 - May also include equipment such as SCRAM units