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## **MONTANA JUDICIAL BRANCH**

### **Drug Court Funding – DP 107 and DP 102**

**\$75,000 – Funding Switch - (\$37,500 each FY)**

**\$100,000 – Additional Fees Authority (\$50,000 each FY)**

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- Drug courts are specialized dockets designed to address alcohol and drug issues primarily in the adult felony arena. Drug courts are the single best criminal justice intervention for addressing criminal behavior related to drug and alcohol use.
  
- The 8 courts funded by opioid settlement dollars in 2023 would move to general fund:
  - 4<sup>th</sup> Veterans Treatment Court
  - 4<sup>th</sup> Adult Felony Treatment Court
  - 6<sup>th</sup> Adult Felony Treatment Court
  - 12<sup>th</sup> Adult Felony Treatment Court
  - 19<sup>th</sup> Adult Felony Treatment Court
  - 21<sup>st</sup> Adult Felony Treatment Court
  - 13<sup>th</sup> Pre-Plea Felony Treatment Court
  - 13<sup>th</sup> ICWA Treatment Court
  
- Local courts and communities seek local and federal start-up grants, which provide funding for generally three years of operation. At the end of the start-up grant, the federal funding ends and the court is not eligible for continued federal funding. Starting with federal funding ensures the courts are successful before seeking state general fund dollars. The Branch only requests funding if a court is showing success.
  
- All 8 eight courts were approved in the 2023 session but with state special revenue – not general fund.
  
- The additional courts have added additional fee revenue, which is used to offset treatment, drug testing, and other support services for participants. The SSR increase would allow the fees to be spent.
  
- Extensive performance measurements are monitored and reported in the 2025 legislative report: [2025drugcourt-report-final.pdf](#)