

(II) THE DEPARTMENT MAY AWARD PARTNERSHIP FUNDING THAT RESULTS IN A COUNTY ~~OR COUNTIES~~ BEING RESPONSIBLE FOR LESS THAN ONE-HALF OF THE COST OF THE APPROVED PARTNERSHIP AFTER CONSIDERING:

1. THE FINANCIAL HARDSHIP OF THE PARTICIPATING COUNTY ~~OR COUNTIES~~;

2. PRIOR CONTRIBUTIONS OF FUNDS FOR SUBSTANCE ABUSE TREATMENT PROGRAMS MADE BY THE PARTICIPATING COUNTY ~~OR COUNTIES~~; OR

3. OTHER RELEVANT CONSIDERATIONS DEEMED APPROPRIATE BY THE DEPARTMENT.

(3) A PARTICIPATING COUNTY:

(I) MAY USE PARTNERSHIP FUNDS ONLY TO SUPPLEMENT LEVELS OF SPENDING BY THE PARTICIPATING COUNTY ON DRUG TREATMENT PROGRAMS; AND

(II) MAY NOT USE PARTNERSHIP FUNDS TO SUPPLANT SPENDING BY THE PARTICIPATING COUNTY ON DRUG TREATMENT PROGRAMS.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That ~~the Governor shall include in the State budget for fiscal years 2002, 2003, and 2004 at least \$12.5 million each year for the Substance Abuse Treatment Outcomes Partnership Fund established under this Act, to be distributed and managed in accordance with this Act the Department shall consult with the Statewide Task Force to Study Increasing the Availability of the Substance Abuse Programs:~~

(1) in determining a schedule and format for Partnership funding requests; and

(2) when evaluating a request for Partnership funding, for the Substance Abuse Treatment Outcomes Partnership Fund established under this Act, the Governor shall include in the State budget the following amounts to be distributed and managed in accordance with this Act:

(1) \$4 million for fiscal year 2002;

(2) \$8 million for fiscal year 2003; and

(3) \$12 million for fiscal year 2004.

SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That it is the intent of the General Assembly that any funds directed to the Substance Abuse Treatment Outcomes Partnership Fund created under this Act, whether from general funds, special funds, or federal funds, be in addition to other appropriations for substance abuse treatment, and may not supplant other State appropriations.

SECTION 2. ~~4~~ AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2000.