



NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES

Division of Mental Health and Addiction Services

Mental Health Block Grant (MHBG)

Substance Abuse Prevention and
Treatment Block Grant (SABG)

Community MH and SAPT Block Grant – COVID-1 Supplemental Award

“We know multiple stressors during the pandemic – isolation, sickness, grief, job loss, food instability and loss of routines – have devastated many Americans and presented unprecedented challenges for behavioral health providers across the nation... We want to assure them that funding is in place to help states and territories provide pathways to prevention, intervention, treatment and recovery services, especially for underserved populations.”, ” said Acting Assistant Secretary for Mental Health and Substance Use Tom Coderre.



Funding availability announced March 2021

COVID Emergency Relief Funding Block Grant COVID Supplement

\$22,649,212

MENTAL HEALTH BLOCK GRANT



\$45,050,958

SUBSTANCE ABUSE BLOCK GRANT



- The Division of Mental Health and Addiction Services (DMHAS) was awarded the following block grant award amounts

Dollars became available March 15, 2021 and end on March 14, 2023

Mental Health Block Grant

- States must spend funds in accordance with “Block Grants for Community Mental Health Services for adults with SMI and children with serious emotional disturbances (SED)
 - 10% (minimum) must be set-aside for first-episode psychosis (FEP)/early SMI (ESMI)
 - 5% (minimum) set aside for crisis services
- Proposals to SAMHSA must include elements such as: needs and gaps of the state’s mental health services continuum and crisis continuum, identify how we will collaborate with other state departments and agencies, how the funds will promote health equity and will address health disparities and other state priorities that will be funded with COVID Supplemental dollars

Recently approved MHBG initiatives

DMHAS was recently awarded \$22.6M MHBG expansion. DMHAS' approved plan included the following:



Early Intervention - FEP/ESMI expansion (doubled the number of programs to six and creating 6 step down programs).



Acute Care Response – Creation of 4 (24/7) crisis receiving and stabilization programs, 9 emergency room crisis diversion programs (wrap around for frequent users of acute care services) and 988 implementation.



Community-based treatment – Increased access to MH treatment for underserved populations.



Provider Support and Development – Performance improvement training focused on use of acute care systems data. In-depth training for wellness center and provider agency staff in Recovery-Oriented Cognitive Therapy.

Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment Block Grant

- States must spend funds in accordance with “Block Grants for Prevention and Treatment of Substance Abuse
 - 20% (minimum) must be set-aside for prevention services for individuals who do not require treatment for substance abuse
- Proposals to SAMHSA must include elements such as: needs and gaps of the state’s SUD services continuum, describe statewide use of MAT, identify how we will collaborate with other state departments, how the funds will promote health equity and will address health disparities and other state priorities that will be funded with COVID Supplemental dollars

Recently approved SABG initiatives

DMHAS was recently awarded \$45M SABG expansion. DMHAS' approved plan included the following:



Prevention – Creation of prevention hubs in each county, warm line services, and programs for underserved populations e.g. Native American, college recovery, and underage marijuana use.



Early Intervention – Screening, Brief Intervention and Referral to Treatment (SBIRT) to enhance screening for pregnant women and 988 implementation.



Community-based Treatment – Care coordinators, peers, increase access for underserved populations, e.g., Haitian, Muslim, etc., and pilot crisis services program for individuals with SUD.



Recovery and Social Supports – Expand Maternal Wrap-Around Program (MWRAP) to address substances other than opioids and increase peer workforce training.



Provider Support and Development – Assist agencies with improving their IT infrastructure and program for outreach workers to provide check-in of individuals discharged from SUD treatment.

American Rescue Plan Act of 2021

Directed the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) to provide additional funds to support states to:

- Address the impact of COVID-19 on individuals who have a serious mental illness (SMI)
- Address the impact of COVID-19 on individuals who have a substance use disorder (SUD) and to increase SUD prevention activities

SAMHSA press release:

<https://www.samhsa.gov/newsroom/press-announcements/202105181200>



American Rescue Plan Act

- SAMHSA notified the Division of Mental Health and Addiction Services (DMHAS) of the following block grant award amounts

\$39,121,366

MENTAL HEALTH BLOCK GRANT



\$38,907,646

SUBSTANCE ABUSE BLOCK GRANT



- Proposal due to SAMHSA 7/2/2021, must be in accordance with block grant rules and guidance
- Dollars become available Sept. 1, 2021 and must be expended by Sept. 30, 2025

Mental Health Block Grant - NJ

DMHAS elicited input from stakeholders to consider for inclusion in our proposal to SAMHSA in the following areas:



Early Intervention



Acute Care Response



Community-based treatment



Recovery and Social Supports



Provider Support and Development

Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment Block Grant

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Prevention



Early Intervention



Community-based Treatment Recovery and Social Supports



Recovery and Social Supports



Provider Support and Development

Questions?

