

Assistance to 8-507 Providers, Maryland Department of Health

\$5.0 Million (M00L01.02)

Recovery for the Economy, Livelihoods, Industries, Entrepreneurs, and Families (RELIEF) Act provides support to providers who are essential to behavioral health provider networks to have the support, resources and opportunity to be sustained through the global pandemic and continue the vital work of assisting those individuals who are in need during this time.

Purpose: Recovery Now Funding

The Maryland Department of Health (MDH) shall provide \$5.0 million in grants to providers servicing people directed to treatment under §8-507 of the Health – General Health Article, the purpose of this funding to provide relief support to providers who have incurred financial hardship as a result of COVID-19 and health restrictions. The impact has placed many of these critical providers in financial jeopardy and caused them to be at risk of closing or restricting the services they can provide.

June 2 - Program Highlights and Plans to Allocate Remaining Balance:

- MDH has drafted an application for the providers to complete to indicate the fiscal impact the pandemic has had and state their needed amount.
- A stakeholder meeting was held the week of **March 9, 2021** for providers to be notified of funding opportunities and seek guidance around the application process.
- Applications were sent on **March 8, 2021** and closed on **March 16, 2021**.

Updates the Week of 3/12/2021

Seven applications were received on March 16, 2021. Requested allocations were as follows:

- Gaudenzia (\$4.5 million)
 - Grace (\$250,000)
 - Jude House (\$616,279)
 - University Psychological Center (\$88,200)
 - The Seven Times Seven Wellness Center (\$184,383)
 - Potomac Healthcare (\$100,000)
 - Valley Bridge House (\$152,739)
- The internal review team will meet on March 23, 2021 for a final review and establish allocations.
 - There is one provider who has not engaged, and the review team is doing a final outreach to ensure they are aware of the opportunity. This provider has not billed for services in FY 2020 and therefore appears ineligible for funding at this time.

Updates the Week of 4/02/2021

Allocations were reviewed and have been proposed as follows:

- Gaudenzia (\$3,608,399)
- Grace (\$250,000)
- Jude House (\$616,279)
- University Psychological Center (\$88,200)
- The Seven Times Seven Wellness Center (\$184,383)
- Potomac Healthcare (\$100,000)
- Valley Bridge House (\$152,739)

Updates the Week of 4/16/2021

Awards letters have been finalized and will be issued to providers this week. BHA has already contacted MDH's Division of General Accounting to begin processing the award allocation. Funding amounts are the same that were reported in the April 2, 2021, update.

Updates for the week of 04/30/2021

Two awards have been made and processed by MDH's Division of General Accounting and another two awards are in process. The rest of the awards are imminent.

Updates for the week of 05/14/2021

Award letters have been issued to grant recipients and payments are being processed.

June 2 - Programmatic and/or Implementation Issues:

- Allocation of awards will be allocated based on historic utilization data (FY 2019-present)
- Allocation will be equitably distributed based upon funding capacity.
- Awards are determined to provide fiscal release based on loss and not for expansion of services as this time.

June 2 - Distribution of Funds:

- Allocation of awards have been fully processed.