

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.

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 has been scheduled for the week of **March 9, 2021** at 2 pm for providers to be notified of funding opportunities and seek guidance around the application process.
- Application will be sent on **March 8, 2021** and will close on **March 16, 2021** on a close date the review committee will determine award amounts.

Programmatic and/or Implementation Issues:

- Allocation of awards will be allocated based on historic utilization data (FY19-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.

Distribution of Funds:

Distribution of Award is projected for release the week of April 5, 2021.