

## **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.

### **March 24 - 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. The review committee will determine award amounts.
- Updates the Week of March 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 to establish allocations.

### **March 24 - Programmatic and/or Implementation Issues:**

- 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.

- 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.

**March 24 - Distribution of Funds:**

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