

Mobile Crisis and Stand-Alone Crisis Services Assistance, Maryland Department of Health

\$15 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

Community Services, Maryland Department of Health, shall provide \$15 million in grants for mobile crisis and stand-alone walk-in crisis services for the treatment of community mental health and substance use disorders. The purpose of this funding is 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:

- The Maryland Department of Health developed a request for proposal (RFP) to have the providers identify the areas of necessity.
- Eligible providers:
 1. **Mobile Crisis:** Mobile Crisis Teams are a community-based service that provides face-to-face professional and peer intervention, deployed in real time to the location of a person in crisis. The mobile crisis team may work with law enforcement when needed and with appropriate protocols intervening as the crisis is occurring in any community setting. These providers service members that are in the Maryland public behavioral health space.
 2. **Walk in:** A free standing (non-hospital based) walk-in/urgent care center that provides intensive crisis services to individuals who otherwise would be brought to emergency rooms and provides up to 23 hours of immediate care and linkage to community-based solutions. There are a variety of ways to access services, and rapid, same-day access is available. Eligible Centers are those with screening, assessment, brief intervention and prescribing capabilities that accept walk-in visits with no appointment needed for immediate mental health and substance use support during day hours and limited weekends. These providers service members that are in the Maryland public behavioral health space.
- A stakeholder meeting was held March 26, 2021 at 8 pm for providers to be notified of funding opportunities and seek guidance around the application process.
- Applications were sent on March 23, 2021 and closed on April 2, 2021 at 8 pm.

June 2 - Programmatic and/or Implementation Issues:

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

Update as of April 16, 2021:

- The review team is currently reviewing submitted applications.
- Requested amounts:
 - Anne Arundel County (Mobile Crisis Unit): \$1,102,973
 - Affiliated Santé Group Mobile Crisis Programs: \$125,000
 - Associated Catholic Charities (B-Cars) \$100,000
 - Baltimore Crisis Response: \$750,000
 - Harford Crisis Response: \$43,136
 - Klein Family Crisis Center: \$181,147
 - Tuerk House: \$ 1,587,744
 - **Total Request Amount: \$3,890,000**

In the likely event that funds will be available after the first awards are made, MDH will issue another solicitation to ensure that all funds are distributed to providers appropriately and expended.

Update as of April 30, 2021:

- The review committee has reviewed the proposals. The review committee is questioning the costs associated with the request. Follow-up clarifications have been forwarded to the applicants to assess the final award. It is projected that once these costs are removed the overall all may be lower than requested.

Update as of May 14, 2021:

- The review team has determined the following amounts to award:
 - Anne Arundel County (Mobile Crisis Unit): \$343,504
 - Affiliated Santé Group Mobile Crisis Programs: \$750,000
 - Associated Catholic Charities (B-Cars) \$100,000
 - Baltimore Crisis Response: \$100,000
 - Harford Crisis Response: \$43,136
 - Klein Family Crisis Center: \$181,147
 - Tuerk House: \$ 1,587,744
 - **Total Request Amount: \$2,430,531**

Update as of May 28, 2021:

- Award letters for the initial awards have been released.

Explanation and Next Steps

- A revised application that expands the list of providers eligible for this grant funding is being finalized and will be released this week to spend down the remaining balance of \$11.9 million.