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American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA)
Public Law 117-2
SAMHSA Block Grants to Address Addiction, Mental Health Crisis
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Agenda

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# American Rescue Plan Act of 2021

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AHCCCS
Definitions and Acronyms

**AHCCCS:** Arizona Health Care Cost Containment System (Arizona’s Medicaid)

**ARPA:** American Rescue Plan Act

**SAMHSA:** Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration

**MHBG:** Mental Health Block Grant

**SABG:** Substance Abuse Block Grant

**NTXIX:** Non-Title 19 individuals are those that have been determined to be ineligible for Medicaid
Public Law 117-2, The American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARPA), directed SAMHSA to provide additional funds to support states through Block Grants to address the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic for Americans with mental illness and substance use disorders.

States have from September 1, 2021 to September 30, 2025 to expend the funds.
Block Grants Overview

• Block grants are awarded for 2 years on an annual basis
• SAMHSA block grants are noncompetitive grants that provide funding for substance use and mental health services
• Block grants are focused on the support of those that are uninsured, underinsured, or NTXIX
• Funding allocated through RBHAs and TRBHAs due to specific eligibility parameters and current contract structure
SAMHSA Block Grant Funding

*Level funding was used for the model.
No award has been made.*
Minimum Qualifications

**MHBG**
- Person must be uninsured, underinsured, or NTXIX
- Funds are to be used solely for services for adults with a SMI designation or a child with a SED designation

**SABG**
- Client must be uninsured, underinsured, or NTXIX
- Client must indicate active substance use in the past 12 months
- Exception of services available to NTXIX clients (i.e. acupuncture, traditional healing)
Mental Health Block Grant (MHBG)
SAMHSA Recommendations for Use of Funds

- Partnership development throughout the continuum of care
- Comprehensive 24/7 crisis continuum for children
- Increased outpatient access, including same day or next day appointments
- Improve information technology infrastructure
- Adoption and use of health information technology
- Digital platform consideration
- Advanced telehealth opportunities to advance crisis services for hard to reach locations
SAMHSA Recommendations for Use of Funds

• Implementation of an electronic bed registry
• Support for crisis and school-based services that promote access to care for children with SED
• Development of medication-assisted treatment (MAT) protocols to assist children and adults who are in crisis
• Expand Assisted Outpatient Treatment (AOT) services
• Develop outpatient intensive Crisis Stabilization Teams to avert and address crisis
• Technical assistance for the development of Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinics (CCBHC).
Substance Abuse Block Grant (SABG)
SAMHSA Recommendations for Use of Funds

• Develop and expand the use of FDA-approved medications and digital therapeutics as a part of addiction treatment
• Provide increased access, including same-day or next-day appointments, and low barrier approaches, for those in need of Substance Use Disorder (SUD) treatment
• Direct critical resources in expanding broad-based state and local community strategies and approaches in addressing the drug overdose epidemic
SAMHSA Recommendations for Use of Funds

• Improve information technology infrastructure
• The adoption and use of health information technology to improve access to and coordination of SUD prevention, intervention, treatment, and recovery support services
• Advance telehealth opportunities to expand services for hard-to-reach locations
• Enhance primary prevention infrastructure within the state and communities using the Strategic Prevention Framework planning model
SAMHSA Recommendations for Use of Funds

- Consider incorporating strategies around adverse childhood experiences to improve substance misuse outcomes among all populations
- Support expansion of peer-based recovery support services to ensure a recovery orientation which expands support networks and recovery services
Block Grant ARPA Timeline

Funding period September 1, 2021 - September 30, 2025

July 2, 2021 Submission
For Discussion

What do you think we should focus efforts on?

Context for feedback:

- **Details** of the suggestion
- **Ease** of implementation
- **Impact** on our members
DISCUSSION
Questions?
Thank You.