



Behavioral Health Services Act: Maximizing Funding Opportunities

The Behavioral Health Services Act focuses on mental health, substance use disorder treatment services, workforce expansion, and oversight. The Behavioral Health Bond funds treatment beds and supportive housing. This infographic highlights Behavioral Health Services Act funding opportunities.



Expands treatment for substance use disorders



Creates housing for Californians with behavioral health needs

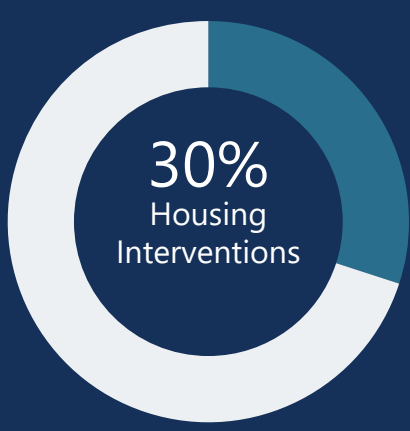


Increases investments in the behavioral health workforce

Modernizes Funding Categories

The Behavioral Health Services Act updates Mental Health Services Act funding allocations to focus funds where they are most needed, giving counties some flexibility to move funding between categories based on local needs, if approved by local stakeholders and DHCS.

County funding allocations:



For people with the most significant mental health and substance use disorder treatment needs who are experiencing or at risk of homelessness.



Comprehensive and intensive care for people of any age with the most complex needs through treatment, housing, employment, and other services.



Includes the following to strengthen the range of services individuals, families, and communities need:

- » Behavioral health services
- » Early intervention
- » Outreach and engagement
- » Technological needs
- » Workforce education and training
- » Capital facilities
- » Innovative pilots and projects

Maximizes Funding Opportunities

The Behavioral Health Services Act requires counties to create and implement a cohesive, integrated plan that coordinates all behavioral health funding streams, including, but not limited to:



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- » 1% tax on personal income above \$1 million.
- » The Behavioral Health Services Act Revenue Stability Workgroup will develop short- and long-term fiscal stability for Behavioral Health Services Act funds. Stabilizing revenue is critical as counties plan for services over an extended period of time.

Health coverage

- » With expanded coverage for community-based behavioral health services, counties can maximize Medi-Cal and private insurance and increase the total resources available for behavioral health care.
- » Expanded Medi-Cal services include mobile crisis services, community health workers and peer support specialists who use their lived experience with mental health and/or substance use challenges, along with specialized training, to support others. A number of evidence-based service models newly required under Full Service Partnerships will also be covered under Medi-Cal. Medi-Cal's Enhanced Care Management and Community Supports, including transitional rent assistance, may also cover some benefits/services.



State funds

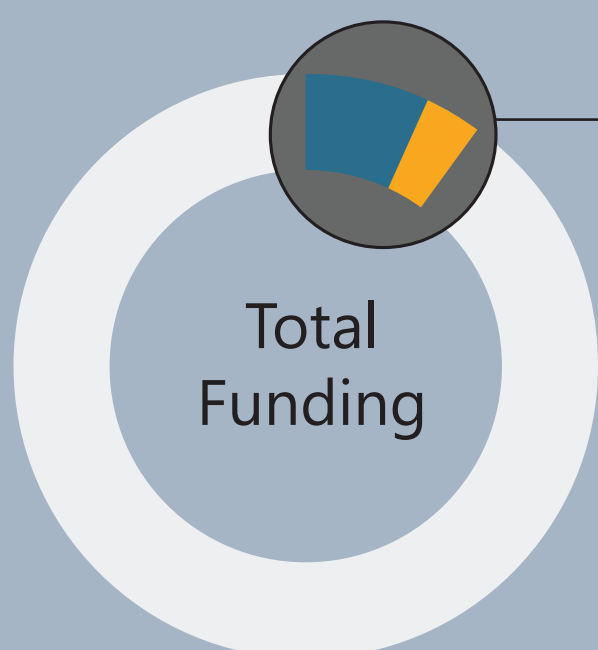
- » California directly supports behavioral health programs, including the Children and Youth Behavioral Health Initiative, a comprehensive effort to expand behavioral health services for children, youth, and families.
- » State opioid settlement funds provide critical financial support for initiatives aimed at preventing and addressing opioid misuse.
- » Realignment funds support local governments in providing essential funding for health, social, and public safety programs.

Federal funds

- » The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration provides financial support for behavioral health services through state and local grants.
- » The federal government matches a portion of state Medicaid expenditures to support health care for eligible low-income individuals.



Broadens Focus of State-Level Funding Allocations



State directed prevention and workforce development (7%)

The California Department of Public Health will administer statewide prevention services (4%) to reduce the risk of people developing mental health issues or substance use disorders. The Department of Health Care Access and Information will expand and support a culturally competent and well-trained statewide behavioral health workforce (3%).

Statewide oversight and monitoring (3%)

State entities will develop statewide goals, oversee county outcomes, train and provide technical assistance to counties and providers, research and evaluate, and administer programs. The funding holds the state accountable for efficient and transparent program operations.

