BEHAVIORAL HEALTH CONTINUUM INFRASTRUCTURE PROGRAM (BHCIP) OUTCOMES

The Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) was authorized through 2021 legislation to establish the Behavioral Health Continuum Infrastructure Program (BHCIP) and award grants to construct, acquire, and expand properties and invest in mobile crisis infrastructure related to behavioral health.

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DHCS is releasing these funds through multiple grant rounds targeting various gaps in the state's behavioral health infrastructure.

PREVIOUS BHCIP ROUNDS



ROUND 1: CRISIS MOBILE UNITS

\$202+ million to fund county, city, and Tribal entity behavioral health authorities to implement new and enhanced Crisis Care Mobile Units (CCMU).

(\$150 million BHCIP; remainder SAMHSA Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act (CRRSAA) funds)

• DHCS awarded more than \$163 million to 78 county, city, and Tribal entities, directly supporting 406 new or enhanced mobile crisis response teams throughout California.



ROUND 2: COUNTY AND TRIBAL PLANNING GRANT

\$7+ million for planning grants to counties and Tribal grantees

- This grant empowers Tribal entities to expand planning efforts in their communities or regions for the acquisition and expansion of behavioral health infrastructure statewide.
- DHCS awarded \$7+ million to support planning grants for 18 Tribes and 30 counties.



ROUND 3: LAUNCH READY

\$518.5 million to projects that are launch ready

- DHCS awarded 45 organizations funds to build or expand launch-ready behavioral health care facilities, meaning the project has completed predevelopment design, planning, site control, and budgeting details.
- This funding created 37 new inpatient and residential facility sites, which will offer 1,292 new behavioral health treatment beds and 44 outpatient facilities to serve more than 130,321 new individuals annually.



ROUND 4: CHILDREN AND YOUTH

\$480.5 million to children and youth-focused facilities

- DHCS awarded 52 projects focused on facilities that provide care for children and youth aged 25 and younger, including pregnant/postpartum women and their children, transition-age youth ages 18-25, and their families.
- These funds support 29 new inpatient and residential facility sites with 509 new treatment beds and 46 outpatient facilities to serve more than 76,977 new individuals annually.



ROUND 5: CRISIS AND BEHAVIORAL HEALTH CONTINUUM

\$430 million to fund projects focused on crisis services

- DHCS awarded 33 organizations for projects to address significant crisis services gaps, with priority funding given to projects that provide crisis services to individuals in need.
- These funds support 29 new inpatient and residential facility sites with 800 new treatment beds and 38 outpatient facilities to serve more than 73,848 new individuals annually.

PROPOSITION 1 — BEHAVIORAL HEALTH BOND

\$4.4 billion

6,800

behavioral health treatment beds

26,700

behavioral health outpatient treatment slots

Bond BHCIP Round 1: Launch Ready

Up to \$3.3 billion:

- \$1.5 billion for county, city, and Tribal entities only, not subject to a regional funding cap (\$30 million minimum to be awarded to Tribal entities).
- \$1.8 billion to all eligible entities (counties, cities, Tribal entities, and nonprofit and for-profit organizations) within set regional allocations.
- Awards announced in May 2025.

Bond BHCIP Round 2: Unmet Needs

Up to \$800 Million:

- Request for Applications to be released in May 2025.
- Award announcements are anticipated in late spring 2026.

The Behavioral Health Bond Infrastructure Bond Act is part of Proposition 1, which was passed by California voters in 2024. DHCS is leveraging the BHCIP model to administer the bond – up to \$4.4 billion in grants – to construct, acquire, and rehabilitate real estate assets to expand the continuum of behavioral health treatment and services for Californians. The grants will be distributed across two rounds.