



INVESTMENT IN MENTAL HEALTH WELLNESS GRANT PROGRAM FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH

Senate Bill 833 (2016) Section 20

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BACKGROUND AND OBJECTIVES



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In the 2016-17 Budget Bill (SB 833 Section 20), the Legislature appropriated funding for an expansion to the Investment In Mental Health Wellness Grant Program (SB 82) to specifically address a continuum of crisis services for children and youth 21 years of age and under.

KEY OBJECTIVES:

- Expand crisis treatment services & capacity by adding at least 120 Crisis Stabilization & Crisis Residential Treatment beds
- Add at least 200 Mobile Crisis Support Teams
- Expand Family Respite Care to help families and sustain caregiver health and wellbeing

OTHER OBJECTIVES (SIMILAR TO SB 82):

- Reduce unnecessary hospitalizations & inpatient days
- Reduce recidivism & mitigate unnecessary expenditures of local law enforcement
- Expand the continuum of services with early intervention & treatment options that are wellness, resiliency, and recovery oriented in the least restrictive environment
- Leverage public & private funding sources to achieve improved networks of care

PROGRAM FUNDING



Program	2016-2017 Revised Budget		2017-2018 Budget
	General Fund Reappropriation	MHSA Funds	MHSA Funds
Crisis Residential Treatment	-		\$ 5,899,000
Crisis Stabilization Unit	-		8,851,000
Mobile Crisis Support Teams	-	\$ 7,865,000	985,000
Family Respite Care	-	2,950,000	
Additional funds	Amounts in excess of \$6,717,000 from SB 82*		717,000
Subtotals	-	\$ 10,815,000	\$ 16,452,000
State Administration	-	185,000	265,000
Totals		\$ 11,000,000	\$ 16,717,000
Encumbrance Deadline	6/30/2019	6/30/2019	6/30/2020
Disbursement Deadline	6/30/2021	6/30/2021	6/30/2022
Final Program Funding Total		\$27,717,000	

* (a) forfeit to General Fund or (b) transfer to Investment in Mental Health Wellness Grant Program for Children and Youth

COUNTY MAXIMUM GRANT AMOUNTS



- Due to limited funding available for the children and youth program, regional grant maximum amounts will be eliminated but county maximum grant amounts will be applied.
- The following maximum grant amounts per county are applicable only to the first funding round:

<u>COUNTY POPULATION</u>	<u>MAXIMUM</u>
100,000 OR LESS	\$ 750,000
100,001 TO 400,000	\$ 1,000,000
400,001 TO 1,100,000	\$ 2,500,000
1,100,001 OR MORE	\$ 4,000,000

ELIGIBLE PROJECT COSTS



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- Unlike SB 82, program **startup or expansion costs** will be limited to 3 months of:
 - ***Training***
 - ***Personnel salaries***
 - ***Personnel benefits***

EVALUATION CRITERIA



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The evaluation criteria is similar to SB 82:

1. Project expands **access** to and **capacity** for community based mental health crisis services
2. Application demonstrates clear plan for a **continuum of care**
3. Application identifies **key outcomes** and a plan for measuring them
4. Project is **ready, feasible, and sustainable**

EVALUATION CRITERIA – READY, FEASIBLE AND SUSTAINABLE



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TO RECEIVE MAXIMUM SCORING, COUNTIES NEED TO DEMONSTRATE THAT THEIR PROJECTS ARE READY, FEASIBLE, AND SUSTAINABLE OR WILL BE BASED ON THE FOLLOWING:

- Crisis Residential, Crisis Stabilization and Family Respite Care projects that include:
 - **New construction** shall be ready, feasible, and sustainable within **18 months** of approval of final allocation
 - **Acquisition of a building and/or renovation**, shall be ready, feasible, and sustainable within **12 months** of approval of final allocation.
- Mobile Crisis Support Team projects shall be ready, feasible, and sustainable within **9 months** of approval of final allocation.

DEFINITIONS:

- **Ready:** Project has all applicable approvals and/or documents
- **Feasible:** Project has all of the necessary funding and a proposed execution plan from the conceptual phase to the first day of operation.
- **Sustainable:** Program has adequate funding to operate on a continuous basis, or at least for the useful life of the Project.

FAMILY RESPITE CARE



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- WHAT IS **RESPITE CARE**?
 - Federal law defines respite care as “planned or emergency care provided to a child or adult with a special need in order to provide temporary relief to the family caregiver of that child or adult.”¹
- SB 833 LANGUAGE CREATING **FAMILY RESPITE CARE**:
 - “Expand family respite care to help families and sustain caregiver health and wellbeing.”
- CHFFA’S DEFINITION OF **FAMILY RESPITE CARE**:
 - “Short-term care provided to children and youth receiving mental health services, and assistance to their families, to provide temporary relief and sustain family health and wellbeing.”

¹ The Lifespan Respite Care Act of 2006

FUNDING ROUNDS



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FIRST FUNDING ROUND:

- County maximum grant amounts is applicable **ONLY** to the first funding round.
- The application submission period for the first founding round will be about 3-4 months, if time permits.

SUBSEQUENT FUNDING ROUND:

- County maximum grant amounts will be removed and will provide flexibility to strategically award grants to meet statewide objectives and increase likelihood of awarding all remaining funds.

CHALLENGES AND REFINEMENTS



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CHALLENGES

- Three different funding sources that have different encumbrance and disbursement dates will result in a complex grant awarding process.
- The 2016-2017 budget restriction that limits the availability of the \$10.8M to Mobile Crisis Support Teams and Family Respite Care does not allow flexibility to meet the counties' needs.

REFINEMENTS

- Align all encumbrance and disbursement dates for the three funding sources.
- Remove the budget restriction language that limits the use of the funding to Mobile Crisis Support Teams and Family Respite Care.

NEXT STEPS



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- Finalize Stakeholder Input
- Authority Approval of Proposed Emergency Regulations
- Submit Emergency Regulations to the Office of Administrative Law (OAL)
- Emergency Regulations Filed with Secretary of State
- Application Submission Period Opens After Emergency Regulations are Filed
- Proposing the Application Submission Period Close 3-4 Months After Emergency Regulations are Filed