

Recent Investments in Behavioral Health

Recent state and Federal investments have created the opportunity for unprecedented investment in mental health and substance use services and behavioral health infrastructure. Currently, these investments include*:

- **Part 2 Supplemental Budget** Initiatives related to Behavioral Health \$110.53 million all funds
 - \$103.23 million MaineCare rate reform including:
 - Governor’s initiatives – approx. \$79 million all funds over biennium
 - LD 1147 - medication management rate increase – approx. \$5.8 million all funds over biennium
 - Sections of LD 1573 related to behavioral health – approx. \$18.43 million all funds over biennium
 - \$7.3 million Infrastructure & DHHS Contracted Services
- **Coronavirus Response Relief Supplemental Appropriation (CRRSA):** \$9.8 million
 - \$3.2 million Mental Health Block Grant (MHBG)
 - Including \$1.2 million for Children’s Crisis Services Aftercare Pilots Statewide
 - \$6.5 million Substance Abuse Treatment and Prevention Block Grant (SABG)
- **American Rescue Plan Act (ARP):** \$92.6 million
 - \$5.6 million Mental Health Block Grant (MHBG)
 - Including \$2.5 million to enhance and expand Children’s Behavioral Health Services
 - \$5.6 million Substance Abuse Treatment and Prevention Block Grant (SABG)
 - \$81.4 million Anticipated HCBS FMAP Projects Focused on Behavioral Health (*pending CMS approval*)
 - \$42 million Workforce Stabilization
 - Behavioral Health Direct Support Worker Recruitment and Retention Payments
 - \$5 million Workforce Portability and Expansion
 - Serious mental illness primary care integration, employment pathway development, workforce marketing
 - \$1 million Self-directed Services Pilot for Serious Mental Illness and Substance Use Disorder
 - \$5.67 million Innovation Pilots
 - Including peer navigators pilot and wellness shelter support
 - \$5 million Evidence Based Practices Training
 - \$10 million High Fidelity Wrap Around
 - To Serve Most Acute/Longest Waiting Youth
 - \$2 million Crisis Services Enhancements
 - \$725k Quality Oversight Policy and Systems
 - Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinic (CCBHC) Infrastructure Development
 - \$10 million IT System Modernization
 - Children’s Behavioral Health Services Information System

- **Other Federal Funding:** \$21.25 million
 - \$4.7 million SAMHSA/FEMA Crisis Counseling Program Grant (CCP) – StrengthenME
 - \$4.85 million SAMHSA Emergency COVID Grant (ECOVID)
 - Including \$800k for Children’s Crisis Services Aftercare Pilot Statewide
 - \$3.2 million SAMHSA First Responder Comprehensive Addiction and Recovery Act Grant (FR CARA)
 - \$8.5 million, 4-year SAMSHA System of Care (SOC) grant for children’s behavioral health
 - to help children and families access high-quality behavioral health services and to bolster the work to ensure that prevention and treatment services grounded in science are available throughout Maine.

Total all funds: \$234.18 million

Many of these investments and associated initiatives are further broken out in the Department’s [Behavioral Health Plan for Maine](#). Additional details related to the Home and Community Based Services FMAP Plan will be available soon, after its submission to CMS.

*This does not count other support for mental health and SUD that has yet to be allocated by the Federal government. For example, Sections 2706 and 2707 of the American Rescue Plan provide \$80 million nationwide for community-based organizations for behavioral health. Additionally, the Governor’s Maine Jobs & Recovery Plan includes \$15 million for health care workforce development. This will include training, career ladder development, and recruitment of behavioral health professionals. The Department also anticipates a \$32 million Federal CDC health disparities grant which includes several behavioral health infrastructure activities. DHHS is applying for a \$3 million Federal grant to support the development of community health workers and expects to prioritize those working in SUD.