



# Fiscal Year 2024 Behavioral Health Service Expansion Funding (HRSA-24-078)

## Award Recipient Presentation

Health Resources and Services Administration, Bureau of Primary Health Care

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# AGENDA

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- Budget Guidance
- Minor Alteration/Renovation and Equipment
- Reporting Reminders
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- Questions
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# A Word from Our Director



## Ernia Hughes

Director

Office of Health Center Investment Oversight Health  
Bureau of Primary Health Care  
Resources and Services Administration

# Office of Health Center Investment Oversight:

## Current Investments

The **Office of Health Center Investment Oversight** provides deliberate programmatic oversight to support health centers to achieve intended results of supplemental investments.

**Specialized Award Teams** focus on program outcomes.

We are **'trusted partners'** to our trusted/health center partners.

### Infrastructure Improvement

FY 2015 HIIP

FY 2018 CARE

FY 2020 CADRE

FY 2021 ARP-Capital

FY 2022-24 CDS

FY 2023 CARE

### Clinical Performance Improvement

FY 2024 BHSE

FY 2023 ECD

### Emergent Health Response

FY 2021 ARP

FY 2023 ECV

FY 2023 Bridge

FY 2025 EH

Coming Soon

### Service Expansion

FY 2020-23 PCHP

FY 2021-22 SBSS

FY 2023 SBSE



# Office of Health Center Investment Oversight:

## *Our Aims*



Ensure recipients adhere to program and grants requirements



Ensure recipients use funding as allowed, allocated, and reasonable



Ensure recipients maintain adequate progress throughout award implementation



Ensure recipients achieve established award objectives and outcomes




Encourage collaborative learning and sharing of promising practices

# BHSE Award Overview



# Summary of Awards



HRSA Awards \$240 million to support health centers to increase access to behavioral health services

Number of awards: 403

Period of performance:  
September 1, 2024-August  
31, 2026

BHSE Grant Activity Code:  
H8N



See the [instructions](#) to add the H8N grant folder to your EHBs portfolio



# Purpose

- Support health centers to increase access to behavioral health services through starting or expanding mental health and substance use disorder (SUD) services





# Objectives and Focus Areas

## Program Objectives

Increase the number of patients receiving mental health services

Increase the number of patients receiving SUD services, including treatment with medications for opioid use disorder (MOUD)

## Activity Focus Areas

Access and Affordability

Quality, Patient Care, Safety and Integrated Services

Workforce

Patient Experience

## Activity Category

Treatment

Recovery and Support Services



# Next Steps



# Next Steps

**Read your BHSE Notice of Award**

**Review your application and approved work plan**

**Submit scope adjustment or change in scope requests, as needed**

**Follow budget guidance**

# Notice of Award

- **Terms and Conditions**
  - Your responsibilities with BHSE funding
  - Must respond **within 30 days**, where applicable
- **Reporting requirement(s)**
  - Uniform Data System
  - Semi Annual Progress Reports
  - Budget
- **Contact information**
  - Investment team staff
  - Grants management specialist



# Review Application & Approved Work Plan

- **Work Plan**
  - Objectives: Increase number of patients receiving Mental Health and Substance Use Disorder services, including treatment with medications for opioid use disorder.
  - Target the 4 Focus Areas
  - Activity Category
  - Activity
- **Budget**
  - Summary and categories
  - Narrative
- **For approved equipment and/or minor alternations/renovation cost**
  - Costs limited to Year 1 only
  - Federal Cost cannot exceed \$250,000 total



# Scope Adjustments and Changes in Scope

- If needed, submit a scope adjustment or change in scope to implement your project
- Health Resources and Services Administration must approve all scope changes before implementation
- Guidance available on the [Scope of Project resource webpage](#)





# Budget Guidance

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**Grants Management Specialist**  
**Office of Federal Assistance and Acquisition Management**

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# Budgeting Guidance

- BHSE funding falls under expanded authority
- Prior approval is required in the following cases:
  - Significant rebudgeting of project costs
  - Unapproved Equipment and/or Minor A/R
  - Contingency management (CM) activities and expenses
- Direct all budgeting questions to the GMS listed on your Notice of Award





# Guidance for Patient Incentives

## Incentive Guidance:

- Written policies & procedures for incentives.
- Document you're following your policies & procedures.
- Budget narrative details incentive plan:
  - Explains how the cost is reasonable & necessary to encourage patient participation.
- Maintain appropriate records and cost documentation, as required by 45 CFR §75.302.

## BHSE Funds Cannot Be Used For:

- Cash gift cards, food, or other costs prohibited under 45 CFR 75 or other federal regulations.
- Persuading people to select your health center as their provider.

Email HHS OIG at [OIGComplianceSuggestions@oig.hhs.gov](mailto:OIGComplianceSuggestions@oig.hhs.gov) for questions about the impact of incentives and the federal anti-kickback statute

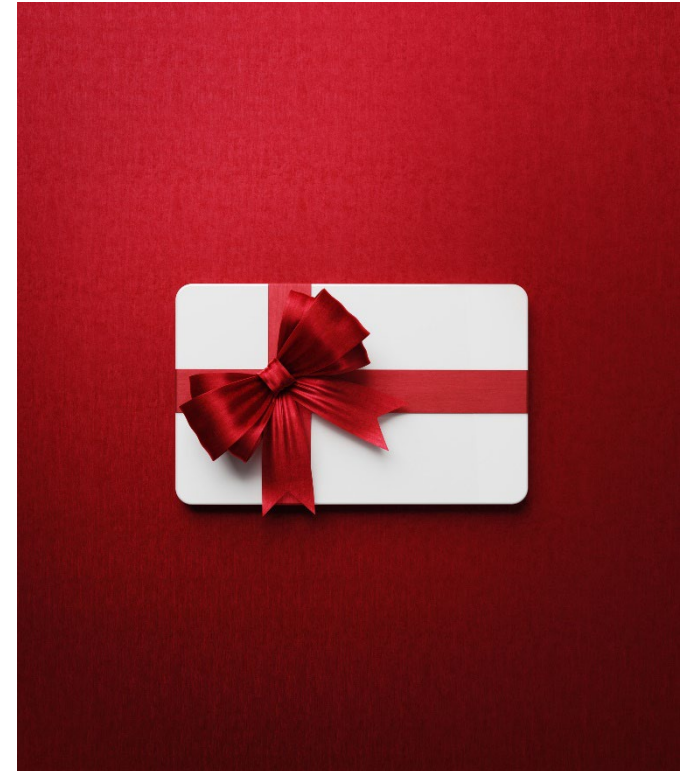


# Contingency Management

This funding can be used to support Contingency Management expenses related to Substance Use Disorder treatment if your organization:

- Has policies and procedures for contingency management activities,
- Follows all rules & regulations related to incentives,
- Ensures that each contingency management incentive is,
  - valued at \$15 or less per occurrence, with
  - with a per-patient, total dollar amount that does not exceed \$75, annually.

**Important Note:** Award recipients must receive prior approval from HRSA before using funding to support contingency management activities or incentives, regardless of inclusion in the approved BHSE workplan.



# Ineligible Costs



*Mobile units are allowable purchases*



Costs already supported by other Health Center Program funds



New construction activities, including additions or expansions



Purchase or upgrade of an EHRs that are not ONC certified



Purchase and/or installation of trailers and pre-fabricated modular units



Needles and syringes for illegal drug injection, even if part of a syringe services program (SSP) in scope



Costs not aligned with the BHSE purpose



## Behavioral Health Service Expansion

# Minor Alteration & Renovation (A/R) and Equipment Overview

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# \*Minor Alteration/Renovation and Equipment

## Minor A/R Purpose:

- To renovate an existing facility without increasing square footage of the facility. The project is site-specific and A/R activities may only take place at one physical site location within your current service area, with or without equipment purchases

## Equipment Purpose:

- The purpose of this project type is to acquire loose, moveable equipment not affixed to the physical building structure.

## Unallowable Costs:

- The BHSE grant may not be used for new construction activities, such as:
  - Addition/expansion
  - Ground disturbance
  - Trailers
  - Pre-fab modulars
  - Major A/R



*\* Awardees may use up to \$250,000 in year 1 of the Project Period for equipment and/or minor A/R costs.*

# More about Equipment...

- **Non-expendable, moveable items**
  - Readily portable from place to place
  - Does not require a change in utilities or structural characteristics of the space
- **Tangible personal property**
  - Useful life of more than 1 year
  - Per-unit acquisition cost of \$5,000 or more
- **Examples:**
  - New clinical equipment
  - Purchase of a mobile van
  - IT systems



# More about Minor Alteration/Renovation

- Total federal AND *non-federal* costs must be less than \$1 million
- Minor A/R examples
  - Attachment of *Equipment*
  - Flooring, painting or carpeting to any stationary structure
  - Permanently “affixed” *Equipment*
    - ✓ Heating, ventilation and air-conditioning units
    - ✓ Generators
    - ✓ Lighting
  - Modernizing, improving, and/or reconfiguring the interior arrangements of existing facility
  - Affixing *Equipment* to the wall, ceiling or floor of an existing facility
  - Replacing the exterior envelope (i.e. roof)
  - Improving accessibility (i.e. sidewalk replacement and ramps)



# More about Minor Alteration/Renovation...(cont'd)

- Funds in this award associated with the alteration/renovation project are restricted and may not be drawn down until all program- and grant- specific conditions of this award have been met.
- Proposed minor Alterations/Renovations activities not identified in the application may not be initiated without prior approval.





# Reporting Reminders



# Reporting Requirements

## Non-Competing Continuation

Year 1 progress on activities  
Year 2 budget and updated work plan  
Required to review/approve Year 2 funding

## Semi-Annual Progress Reports

- Project Status
- Accomplishments and barriers

## Uniform Data System

- Mental Health Services Patients (Table 5, Row 20)
- Substance Use Disorder Services Patients (Table 5, Row 21)
- Patients Receiving Treatment with Medications for Opioid Use Disorder (Appendix E, Question 1b)



Important Note

The Non-Competing Continuation and first Progress Report are a combined report

# Uniform Data System Reporting Requirement

*Progress will be measured using the following data:*

Mental Health Services	Table 5	Staffing and Utilization Line 20	Mental health patients
Substance Use Disorder Services	Table 5	Staffing and Utilization Line 21	Substance Use Disorder patients
	Appendix E	Other Data Elements Question 1b	Medications for opioid use disorder treatment

**2023 UDS Data will be used as performance baseline**



# Key Dates for Data Reporting

Submission	Reporting period covered	Date the report will be accessible in EHB
Non-Competing Continuation/Semi Annual Progress Report	September 1, 2024-February 28, 2025	March 1, 2025
Semi-Annual Progress Report	March 1, 2025-August 31, 2025	September 1, 2025
Semi-Annual Progress Report	September 1, 2025-February 28, 2026	March 1, 2026
Semi-Annual Progress Report	March 1, 2026-August 31, 2026	September 1, 2026

Submission of annual Uniform Data System and Federal Financial Reports are required



# Funding Beyond 2-Year Period of Performance

Possibility of ongoing funding beyond year 2, dependent on:

1. Demonstrated progress with **increases** in patients and the number of **patient visits**, as measured with 2025 Uniform Data System reporting
2. Availability of appropriated funds
3. Decision that continued funding is in the best interest of the federal government.



# *Behavioral Health Technical Assistance*

**Jessica Arter, MSN, RN**  
**Nurse Consultant**  
**Office of Quality Improvement**  
**Bureau of Primary Health Care**

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# Using Behavioral Health Technical Assistance

- **Technical Assistance (TA) available to all HRSA supported health centers**
- **Provides innovative and timely support that meets unique health center needs**
- **Ongoing Health Center engagement and quality improvement**
- **Continuing education credits provided for majority of TA events**



# Behavioral Health and Substance Use Disorder Training and Technical Assistance (TA)

- **TA Integration Topics Include:**

- Opioid use disorder
- Pediatric mental health
- Pregnancy and substance use disorder
- Documentation, Coding, and Billing
- Social determinants of health and health equity
- SBIRT services
- BH/SUD workforce well-being and retention strategies

- **TA Modalities:**

- Virtual and on-site site visits
- One-on-one coaching sessions
- Webinars
- Communities of practice
- Focus groups
- Research briefs and other tools





# Sign up for Technical Assistance!

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- Subscribe to the [Health Center Program Digest](#) through the Health Resources and Services Administration eNews for updates
- [Bureau Primary Health Care Contact Form](#)



# Technical Assistance Webpage

## [Behavioral Health Service Expansion TA Webpage](#)

**Award Recipients**

**Frequently Asked Questions**

**Technical Assistance Resources**

**Contact Information**



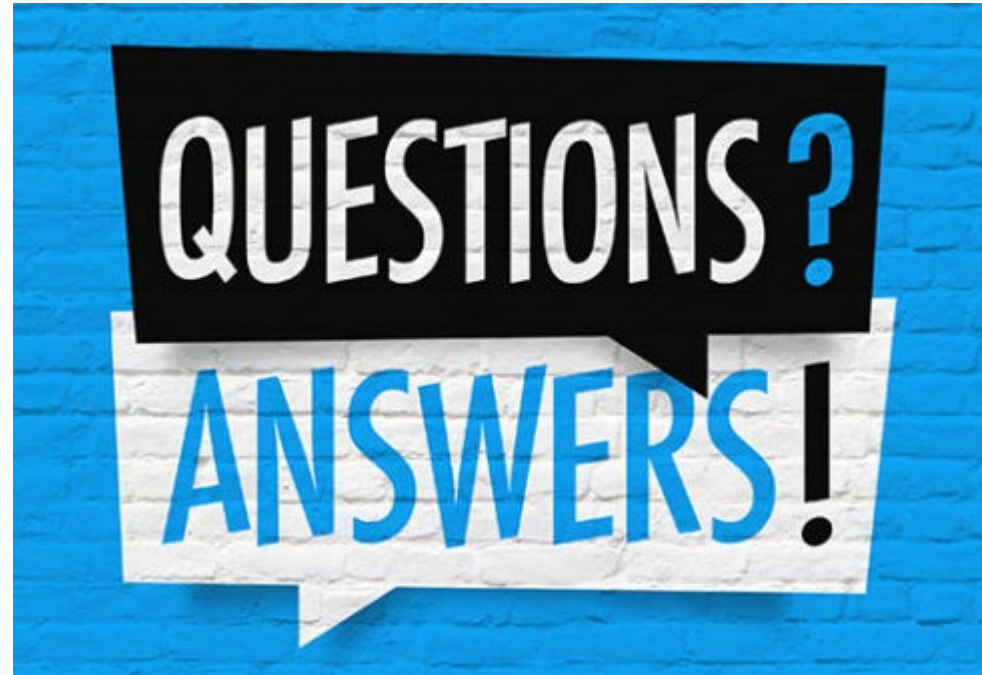
# Contact Information

Topic	Contact
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Implementation challenges</li> <li>Changes to health center key staff</li> <li>Training and technical assistance questions</li> </ul>	<p>Contact the Investment Team via the <a href="#">Bureau of Primary Health Care Contact Form</a>.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Under <i>Funding</i>, select <i>Supplemental Grant Award</i></li> <li>Select <i>Behavioral Health Service Expansion</i></li> </ul>
Budget conditions, budgeting, carryover requests	GMS POC listed on the Notice of Award
Electronic Handbooks support	877-464-4772 (select option 1) or via the <a href="#">Bureau of Primary Health Care Contact Form</a> .
Behavioral Health Service Expansion technical assistance webpage <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Frequently Asked Questions</li> </ul>	<a href="#">BHSE Award Technical Assistance Webpage</a>



# Questions?

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# Thank You!

## BHSE Support Team

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Health Resources and Services Administration



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