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# **SAMHSA Mental Health Block Grant**

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# Agenda

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- Block Grant overview
- Mental Health Block Grant Supplemental Funding Announcement
  - Criteria and Plan for Use of Funding
  - Approval Process for Acceptance of Funds

# Block Grant Overview

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- The Community Mental Health Services Block Grant (MHBG) program's objective is to support the grantees in carrying out plans for providing comprehensive community mental health services.
- Oregon uses the block grant to support programs for prevention, treatment, recovery support, and other services to supplement Medicaid, Medicare, and private insurance services.
- Services include counseling, peer support, harm reduction, early identification and screening, assessment and diagnosis, engagement, continuity of care, and recovery management.
- Contractors report outcomes related to access, service retention, reduced use, and treatment completion.
- The Substance Abuse Mental Health Services Agency (SAMHSA) releases supplemental funding in addition to the base grants.

<https://www.samhsa.gov/grants/block-grants>

# Mental Health Block Grant Supplemental Funding Announcement

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- SAMHSA Supplemental Funding [Supplemental Funding to Strengthen Housing Capacity for Homeless People with Serious Mental Illness](#) announcements and proposal required a 7-day turnaround
- MHBG Supplemental Funding Announcement emailed on 8/26/2025
- Request for the funds due 9/3/2025
- During the 7 days, OHA consulted with DOJ prior to submitting the request for funding
- Notice of award in the amount of \$359,589 was issued on 9/17/2025

# Criteria and Plan for Use of Supplemental MHBG Funding

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- Oregon allotted \$302,198 for one year
- The focus of the funding is: *"intended to support capacity-building and strategic collaboration efforts aimed at addressing the intersection of unsheltered homelessness and serious mental illness (SMI)—particularly among individuals involved in civil commitment processes and Assisted Outpatient Treatment (AOT) programs."*
- No State match or maintenance efforts are required for this funding
- The funds could not be used for direct services
- OHA will use this funding to support (1) one new, limited duration position to build a cross-collaboration infrastructure that helps individuals across Oregon transition into permanent supportive housing.
  - This infrastructure will support those exiting higher levels of care, facilitate safe and supportive transitions from more secure residential settings and assist individuals in avoiding higher levels of care by connecting them with community resources within permanent supportive housing.

# Thank you

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