

SUPTRS SUPPLEMENTAL FUNDING

The federal Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplement Appropriations Act, 2021 [P.L. 116-260] provided COVID-19 emergency relief funding for the Substance Use Prevention, Treatment, and Recovery Services Block Grant Program (SUPTRS). The awarded funds must be used for prevention, treatment, and treatment-related activities consistent with the requirement of the SUPTRS.

INTENSIFY PRIMARY PREVENTION - \$11.5 MILLION

JUST FIVE - WORKFORCE SUBSTANCE USE EDUCATION

Online substance use education website for commonwealth employees and the Pennsylvania workforce. These websites contain useful educational information on recognizing the signs of substance misuse, risk factors, and resources to help those who may be struggling.

PERINATAL QUALITY COLLABORATIVE

Support for the Pennsylvania Perinatal Quality Collaborative (PA PQC) for a maternal substance misuse and substance-exposed newborn initiative to improve the identification of and care for pregnant and postpartum individuals and newborns.

PAYS COORDINATOR

Hiring of a coordinator to support the continued growth and development of the PA Youth Survey (PAYS) including advancement of efforts to increase participation in PAYS and increase meaningful utilization of the data collected through PAYS.

SINGLE COUNTY AUTHORITY PREVENTION/STUDENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

Support for Single County Authorities (SCA) to improve implementation of the Strategic Prevention Framework process and increase/expand prevention programs and services to address priority prevention needs within counties. Examples of prevention programs/services provided by SCAs include skills training and social emotional learning programs for youth, parenting and family management programs, community coalition building/support, Student Assistance Program (SAP) support, and promotion of prescription drug safe storage and disposal.

STRENGTHEN DRUG AND ALCOHOL TREATMENT SYSTEM

TRAINING EFFORTS - \$1.5 MILLION

Traumatic events have increased during the COVID-19 pandemic. Pennsylvania's counselors must be better equipped to assist individuals with these issues in a manner that does not re-traumatize or add to the impact of current factors. Consequently, DDAP will be implementing increased trauma-informed trainings for the workforce. Trainings on motivational interviewing, cognitive-behavioral therapy, and treatment of co-occurring disorders, will also take place through this funding in an effort to enhance the quality of the delivery of treatment services.

PROVIDER STABILIZATION - \$13 MILLION

This funding offers stabilization payment to providers working in SUD prevention, treatment, and recovery services to assist with expenses resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic. These include but are not limited to minimizing the spread of COVID-19, ensuring the provision of testing and support of vaccines as appropriate, and delivering quality, evidence-based treatment.

ADOLESCENT SERVICES - \$1.5 MILLION

Despite the increased need, Pennsylvania has seen its services to the adolescent population drastically reduced to less than ten residential providers who deliver adolescent-only SUD services across the commonwealth. There is a significant need to assess adolescent need for services and then to specifically address service development to meet the needs of this population. With the support of DDAP, the Managed Care Organization (MCO) Community Care is seeking to expand access to Adolescent Medically Monitored Inpatient Withdrawal Management (WM) (3.7) and Clinically Managed Medium Intensity Residential Services (3.5) through a Request for Proposal.

WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT - \$11.3 MILLION

This funding increases both the capacity and sustainability of case management, an evidence-based system of client navigation and individualized professional support services. This funding also contains targeted support for residential and opioid treatment programs.

EMPOWER SUSTAINED RECOVERY

RECOVERY SUPPORT SERVICES GRANT FUNDING - \$3.5 MILLION

Funding directed to Recovery Community Organizations across the commonwealth expand existing services and develop new programs across a variety of services including delivery of recovery coaching through Certified Recovery Specialists, telephonic supports, education and employment supports, engagement in GED services, life-skills support groups, and delivery of substance-free social activities.

EMPLOYMENT SUPPORT SERVICES GRANT FUNDING - \$3.4 MILLION

Funding directed to organizations across the commonwealth to provide a wide variety of services including vocational assessments, resume writing, interviewing skills, job placement, and transportation assistance related to employment.

PREGNANCY SUPPORT SERVICES - \$7 MILLION

Funding for organizations to provide pregnancy support services or make referrals to address the needs of pregnant and postpartum women with SUD. In addition, these community providers will facilitate or make referrals for outpatient Medication-Assisted Treatment (MAT) and SUD treatment facilities.

This report is accurate as of March 2024; program development and procurement are ongoing.