

CHAPTER 251

HUMAN SERVICES - BEHAVIORAL HEALTH

HOUSE BILL 24-1176

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AN ACT

CONCERNING EXPANDING THE BEHAVIORAL HEALTH-CARE CONTINUUM GAP GRANT PROGRAM TO INCLUDE A COMMUNITY INVESTMENT GRANT FOR A NEW CAPITAL CONSTRUCTION PROJECT, AND, IN CONNECTION THEREWITH, MAKING AN APPROPRIATION.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado:

SECTION 1. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 27-60-502, **amend** (2)(c)(I) as follows:

27-60-502. Behavioral health-care continuum gap grant program - established - rules. (2) Community investment grants. (c) (I) A community investment grant award ~~may~~ **MUST** be used:

(A) For evidence-based or evidence-informed services along the behavioral health-care continuum, including prevention, treatment, crisis services, recovery, harm reduction, care navigation and coordination, trauma recovery, trauma-informed training, training on providing services in a culturally responsive manner, transitional housing, supportive housing, and recovery homes; ~~A community investment grant award may also be used~~

(B) For capital expenditures related to providing ~~these~~ EVIDENCE-BASED OR EVIDENCE-INFORMED services, which may include the creation or redesign of mental health inpatient beds, emergency room beds for mental health crisis patients, outpatient mental health beds, and step-down facilities connected with a hospital; ~~A community investment grant award may also be used~~

Capital letters or bold & italic numbers indicate new material added to existing law; dashes through words or numbers indicate deletions from existing law and such material is not part of the act.

(C) To expand capacity for existing treatment, programs, or services within the grant recipient's jurisdiction or service area; AND

(D) FOR A NEW CAPITAL CONSTRUCTION PROJECT THAT HAS PROGRESSED THROUGH THE DESIGN REVIEW PROCESS, HAS OBTAINED APPROVAL FOR APPLICABLE DEVELOPMENT AND BUILDING PERMITS, PROVIDES ACCESS TO MULTIPLE CRITICAL SERVICES IN ONE CENTRAL LOCATION WITHIN THE COMMUNITY SERVED, IS EASILY ACCESSIBLE BY FIRST RESPONDERS AND COMMUNITY MEMBERS, AND DEMONSTRATES STRONG COMMUNITY SUPPORT.

SECTION 2. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 24-75-230, **add** (2)(c) as follows:

24-75-230. Behavioral and mental health cash fund - creation - allowable uses - task force - repeal. (2) (c) ON JULY 1, 2024, THE STATE TREASURER SHALL TRANSFER FOUR MILLION DOLLARS FROM THE GENERAL FUND TO THE FUND, WHICH MUST BE EXPENDED FOR THE PURPOSES SPECIFIED IN SECTION 27-60-502 (2)(c)(I)(D).

SECTION 3. Appropriation. For the 2024-25 state fiscal year, \$4,000,000 is appropriated to the department of human services for use by the behavioral health administration. This appropriation is from the behavioral and mental health cash fund created in section 24-75-230 (2)(a), C.R.S. To implement this act, the administration may use this appropriation for the behavioral health-care continuum gap grant program related to integrated behavioral health services.

SECTION 4. Safety clause. The general assembly finds, determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, or safety or for appropriations for the support and maintenance of the departments of the state and state institutions.

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