


Communication from the Office of the MHSa Division Director –

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To: Behavioral Health Provider Networks & Community Stakeholders
From: Tracy Hazelton, MPH, MHSa Division Director 
Subject: **Proposition 1 Bond-BHCIP RFA Released - Behavioral Health Services Act (BHSA) Update #2**

This departmental communication has been provided to ensure that our county's behavioral health provider networks and community stakeholders receive timely operational updates regarding the [Request for Applications \(RFA\)](#) for the Proposition 1 Bond-Behavioral Health Continuum Infrastructure Program (BHCIP) Round 1 which became available July 17, 2024. This announcement highlights the availability of up to \$3.3 billion in competitive grant funding. The Bond BHCIP funding is projected to create 6,800 residential treatment beds and 26,700 outpatient treatment slots for behavioral health and will build upon other key behavioral health initiatives in California.

Background

Per Senate Bill (AB) 531, BHCIP funding will cover the renovation, acquisition and construction of behavioral health facilities to serve more residents with mental health and substance use disorders. Funds will be dispersed over several rounds. **Bond BHCIP Round 1: Launch Ready** will provide up to \$3.3 billion in grant funding using the following criteria:

- Up to \$1.5 billion will be open only to counties, cities, and tribal entities. These funds will be awarded competitively.
- Up to \$1.8 billion will be open to counties, cities, and tribal entities, as well as nonprofit and for-profit organizations. These funds will be awarded competitively, within an allocation set for each region to ensure geographic equity.
 - The Bay Area Region (Alameda, Contra Costa, Marin, Napa, San Francisco, San Mateo, Santa Clara, Solano, Sonoma) will compete for up to \$278,108,183.

A second round of funding for behavioral health facilities and unmet need will be released in the future for up to \$1.1 billion, will not have a regional cap and will be open to competition from all applicants.

Round 1 Launch Ready Key Requirements for All Applicants include:

- All applications must be based on local behavioral health data, community engagement, and regional collaboration.
- All applicants must be supported by the county behavioral health director where the project is located.
- All applicants must make a commitment to serve people with health insurance through Medi-Cal.

Round 1 Launch Ready Eligible Facility Types:

Acute Psychiatric Hospital, Adolescent Residential Substance Use Disorder (SUD) Treatment Facility, Adult Residential SUD Treatment Facility, Behavioral Health Urgent Care/Mental Health Urgent Care, Chemical Dependency Recovery Hospital, Children's Crisis Residential Program, Community Mental Health Clinic, Community Residential Treatment System (CRTS)/Social Rehabilitation Program, Community Treatment Facility, Community Wellness/Prevention Center (tribal entities only), Crisis Stabilization Unit, General Acute Care Hospital for behavioral health services only, Hospital-Based Outpatient Treatment, Mental Health Rehabilitation Center.

Resources

- Interested applicants can find the Bond BHCIP Round 1: Launch Ready RFA on the [Behavioral Health Infrastructure Bond Act of 2024 - BHCIP \(buildingcalhhs.com\)](#).