

7/18 Board Item: Authorization to Accept Behavioral Health Bridge Housing Grant Funds



Behavioral Health Advisory Board Meeting

July 6, 2023

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Behavioral Health Bridge Housing Program



- **\$1.5 billion available for Counties and Tribal entities for bridge housing**
- Supports people with serious behavioral health conditions experiencing homelessness
- Supportive services to help clients with housing, symptoms, and recovery and wellness



Behavioral Health Bridge Housing Program



Eligible Uses:

- County program implementation
- Bridge housing outreach and engagement
- Bridge housing, including shelter/interim housing, rental assistance, auxiliary (patch) funds for assisted living settings (board and cares), and housing navigation
- Bridge housing start-up infrastructure

February 2023: | \$907M non-competitive allocation to counties

Spring 2023: | \$50M competitive allocation to Tribal entities

Summer 2023 | \$250M competitive allocation to counties/Tribal entities

Fiscal Year 2024-25 | \$250M competitive allocation to counties and Tribal entities

Behavioral Health Services Allotment



- **\$41.5 million** to establish new board and care slots with enhanced rates, operational through June 30, 2027
- **\$2.8 million** for first year infrastructure start-up costs
- Funding will add critical new capacity
- Aligns with the Behavioral Health Optimal Care Pathways Model

County of San Diego
conditionally awarded
\$44,300,211

Recommendations



- Authorize the acceptance of one-time BHBH Project funding totaling \$44.3 million.
- Authorize Notices of Funding Availability for board and care patch services with licensed adult and senior care facilities.
- Authorize competitive solicitations for licensed adult and senior care facilities to establish new board and care slots through enhanced rates (patches).