DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES

Federal Block Grants: Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment and Community Mental Health Services

Block grants are a non-competitive, formula grant mandated by the U.S. Congress. States must submit an annual application to demonstrate statutory and regulatory compliance in order to receive funding.

The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) is responsible for two block grant programs:

Substance Abuse Prevention & Treatment Block Grant (SABG)

The SABG program's objective is to help plan, implement, and evaluate activities that prevent and treat substance abuse. The SABG program provides funds and technical assistance to all 50 states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, the U.S. Virgin Islands, six Pacific jurisdictions, and one tribal entity. SAMHSA's Center for Substance Abuse Treatment's Performance Partnership Branch, in collaboration with the Center for Substance Abuse Prevention's Division of State Programs, administers the SABG.

The SABG program targets:

- Pregnant women and women with dependent children
- Intravenous drug users
- Tuberculosis services
- Early intervention services for HIV/AIDS
- Primary prevention services

Federal Fiscal Year 2019 Allocation for Minnesota's SABG = \$24,105,738

Community Mental Health Services Block Grant (MHBG)

The MHBG program's objective is to support the grantees in carrying out plans for providing comprehensive community mental health services. The MHBG program provides funds and technical assistance to all 50 states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, the U.S. Virgin Islands, and 6 Pacific jurisdictions. SAMHSA's Center for Mental Health Services' (CMHS) Division of State and Community Systems Development (DSCSD) administers MHBG funds.

The MHBG Program targets:

- Adults with serious mental illnesses. Includes persons age 18 and older who have a diagnosable behavioral, mental, or emotional condition.
- Children with serious emotional disturbances. Includes persons up to age 18 who have a diagnosable behavioral, mental, or emotional issue.

Federal Fiscal Year 2019 Allocation for Minnesota's MHBG = \$10,320,508



Viewing Minnesota's mental health and substance abuse block grants

To view Minnesota's Mental Health and Substance Abuse Block Grant assessment, plan, and annual report use the following information

- Link to the Mental Health and Substance Abuse Grant: <u>https://bgas.samhsa.gov/</u>
- Username: citizenmn
- Password: citizen

To View Mental Health and Substance Abuse Block Grant Application, Plans & Reports

- Click on "View an Existing Application"
- Click on the "Mental Health Block Grant or Substance Abuse Application"
- Click on the "Report," or "Behavioral Assessment and Plan" that you want to view

SABG and MHBG websites and resources

To familiarize yourself with the MHBG and SABG, visit the SAMHSA website (https://www.samhsa.gov/)

- What is the Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment Block Grant (SABG)? <u>https://www.samhsa.gov/grants/block-grants/sabg</u>
- What is the Community Mental Health Services Block Grant (MHBG)? <u>https://www.samhsa.gov/grants/block-grants/mhbg</u>
- Block Grants Laws and Regulations: <u>https://www.samhsa.gov/grants/block-grants/laws-regulations</u>
- Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Block Grant Application/Plan, and report: https://www.samhsa.gov/grants/block-grants