

MENTAL HEALTH CODE (EXCERPT)
Act 258 of 1974

330.1207f Community crisis response grant program; annual report.

Sec. 207f.

(1) Subject to appropriation to the jail diversion fund created under section 207c, the department shall create a community crisis response grant program, in accordance with the recommendations of the council, using half of appropriated funds, to provide competitive grants to assist local units of government that apply according to the criteria outlined in this section.

(2) The department shall distribute grants to local units of government in accordance with recommendations of the council for the purpose of establishing or expanding community-based mobile crisis intervention services. The department must give priority to grant applications that demonstrate a commitment to best practices as identified by the department in coordination with the council.

(3) A grant application may be made by any applicable local unit of government and must be distributed to a local unit of government using a prospective payment methodology.

(4) Each local unit of government receiving a grant under this section must provide to the department a copy of a memorandum of understanding between the involved community agencies and law enforcement agencies that delineates how behavioral health professionals and law enforcement officers shall be coordinated.

(5) The department must create an application process with selection criteria for grants under subsection (2) and a grant dispersal process under subsection (3), and must post the application process, selection criteria, and grant dispersal process on the department's website.

(6) The department must seek federal authority as outlined under section 9813 of the American rescue plan act of 2021, Public Law 117-2, to utilize enhanced federal Medicaid matching funds for operating the programs described in this section as long as that funding is available.

(7) Each year, a local unit of government that receives a grant under this section shall cooperate with an organization, selected by the department, to describe and evaluate the activities and results of the local unit of government related to the grant. The department may use a portion of grant funding appropriated to the jail diversion fund to contract with an independent organization to fulfill this requirement.

(8) The department or evaluating organization must determine the specific metrics required in the report and notify the local units of government at the time of the first grant disbursement. Metrics may include, but are not limited to, the following:

(a) Total number of behavioral health crisis calls in the target jurisdiction.

(b) Number of calls to which a community crisis responder clinician or community crisis responder peer is dispatched according to the requirements of the local unit of government's grant application.

(c) Number of calls transferred to telehealth with physical response follow-up and the number of calls transferred to telehealth without physical response follow-up.

(d) Community crisis responder clinician and community crisis responder peer call time per call.

(e) A survey of clients served by community crisis response.

(f) Number of calls with community crisis response that result in the following:

(i) Jail admission.

(ii) On-location de-escalation.

(iii) Access to crisis stabilization services and other community-based supports and service.

(iv) Inpatient admission to a behavioral health facility.

(v) Referral for behavioral or mental health services without residential or inpatient admission.

(vi) Referral to community or social services, including, but not limited to, homeless shelters, women's shelters, food pantries, or other similar services.

(g) Number of individuals served by community crisis response broken down by age, gender, race, and ethnicity.

(h) Reduction in frequency of law enforcement interaction with known frequently served individuals.

(i) Number of follow-up visits, including method and location.

(j) Overall program costs broken down by administration, training, community crisis responder clinician and community crisis responder peer, and per call costs.

(9) Not later than September 30, 2023, and annually after that, the department must compile and submit an annual report to the senate and house appropriations subcommittees on the department budget, the senate and house fiscal agencies, the senate and house policy offices, and the state budget office, and publish a copy of the report on its internet website. The report must contain all of the following for the immediately preceding fiscal year:

(a) The name of each local unit of government that received a grant and the total amount of the grant.

(b) Details about any subgrants disbursed by each local unit of government that received a grant under this section.

- (c) An analysis of the activities undertaken by grant recipients as part of their project, including alignment with best practices.
- (d) An appropriate summary of metrics reported by grant recipients as required under subsection (8).
- (e) Recommendations for improvements to grant criteria described in subsection (2).
- (10) The responsibilities of the department under this section include all of the following:
 - (a) Create the community crisis response grant program, review grant applications, and distribute grants.
 - (b) Coordinate with the council to determine appropriate staffing and resource allocation for grant review, administration, and other duties.
 - (c) Develop a model memorandum of understanding between community agencies and law enforcement.
 - (d) Manage external evaluation and ensure that metrics are collected by grant recipients in order to determine future best practices and criteria for future grants.
 - (e) Provide technical assistance and coordination and facilitate sharing of best practices among grant recipients.
 - (f) Assist with cross-training resources between law enforcement and community crisis responder clinicians and community crisis responder peers.

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