

Behavioral Health Provider Minimum Qualifications

Behavioral Health Bridge Housing Flexible Fund Supports Pool

Open Enrollment

The Sacramento County Department of Health Services (DHS), Behavioral Health Services (BHS), announces an open enrollment opportunity for currently contracted Sacramento County providers interested in delivering Behavioral Health Bridge Housing (BHBH) state grant flexible fund supports to clients experiencing homelessness or who would be homeless upon discharge from their setting (e.g. hospital, residential treatment, jail). This initiative aims to improve outcomes that lead to housing stability and support recovery through flexible, client centered housing interventions. BHS seeks to identify qualified providers to manage and distribute flexible funds.

To access participant funding, providers must utilize rental assistance. Flexible Fund Supports may cover short-term rental assistance, move-in costs, and other housing-related expenses necessary to reduce homelessness among clients.

Contract Term:

Contracts will be one year, aligned with Sacramento County's fiscal year – July 1 through June 30.

Sacramento County BHS BHBH MQs:

1. Providers must currently have an executed contract with Sacramento County.
2. Providers must be either:
 - a. Currently contracted with BHS Substance Use Prevention (SUPT) and licensed or certified, as applicable, to provide one or more of the following programs:
 - i. Outpatient (OP) Treatment
 - ii. Intensive Outpatient (IOP) Treatment
 - iii. Residential Treatment Services
 - iv. Sober Living Environment (SLE) / Recovery Residences
 - v. Medication-Assisted Treatment (MAT) / Narcotic Treatment Program (NTP)
 - b. OR currently contracted with Department of Homeless Services and Housing for shelter operations.
3. Providers must:
 - a. Upon contract execution, use the Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) to track client housing status and engagement.
 - b. Within 60 days of contract execution, have staff trained and approved to complete Coordinated Access System (CAS) Assessor Certification Training in order to complete the Housing Conversation Tool and the Crisis Assessment Survey for all clients experiencing homelessness that agree to housing services and supports from the provider.
 - c. Upon contract execution, use the BHS Maximum Rental Assistance Calculator (MRAC) to determine allowable rental assistance per client household as required in the [Sacramento County BHS Policy & Procedure for BHBH](#).

- d. Use SmartCare, the County's Electronic Health Record, to:
 - i. Document type and amount of housing-related assistance provided.
 - ii. Track services delivered to prioritized populations (e.g., Literally Homeless-Chronic Homelessness, or Literally Homeless-Not Chronic Homeless).
 - iii. Update and track Special Population in SmartCare with every housing or homelessness change (e.g., Literally Homeless-Chronic Homelessness, or Literally Homeless-Not Chronic Homeless).
 - e. Providers will ensure the necessary technology infrastructure is in place and will utilize SmartCare to enter and bill Flexible Funds either at the time of contract execution or within 60 days from the start date of the BHBH Flexible Fund Supports service
 - f. Providers opting in after the start of Sacramento County's fiscal year, July 1, will be expected to have the technology infrastructure in place within 60 days of contract execution.
4. Remain in good standing on all currently executed contracts.

Request to Join Open Enrollment Instructions:

This is a rolling open enrollment; applications will be reviewed on a first-come, first-served basis until available funds are allocated or the term of the grant is ending. To participate in this open enrollment:

1. Providers must complete and submit a signed Behavioral Health Provider Minimum Qualifications (MQ) Checklist, and documentation, if applicable, demonstrating that they meet all minimum qualifications to dhs-bhs-bhbhreferral@saccounty.gov. Once submitted and a contract is executed, providers will be expected to implement housing supports within 60 days of contract execution.
2. For questions or support with the application process, email the same address dhs-bhs-bhbhreferral@saccounty.gov.