

Behavioral Health Administration

American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Updates



COLORADO
Behavioral Health
Administration



Agenda

- Introduction to BHA
- Stimulus Spending Overview
- 2021-2022 Projects
- 2022-2023 Projects
- Questions



What is the BHA?

The Behavioral Health Administration (BHA) is a new cabinet member-led agency within the State of Colorado, housed within the Department of Human Services and is designed to be the single entity responsible for driving coordination and collaboration across state agencies to address behavioral health needs.



Purpose Driven

Because we believe all people in Colorado deserve to experience whole-person health, we envision a world in which behavioral health services in Colorado are accessible, meaningful, and trusted. Therefore we have made it our mission to co-create a people-first behavioral health system that meets the needs of *all* people in Colorado.



Values Commitment

Our Values



COLLABORATION

Working in partnership to realize a holistic behavioral health vision

COMMUNITY- INFORMED PRACTICE

Integrating evidence-based guidance with lived expertise

EQUITY

Naming root causes of injustices and allocating the necessary resources to support desired outcomes

GENERATIONAL IMPACT

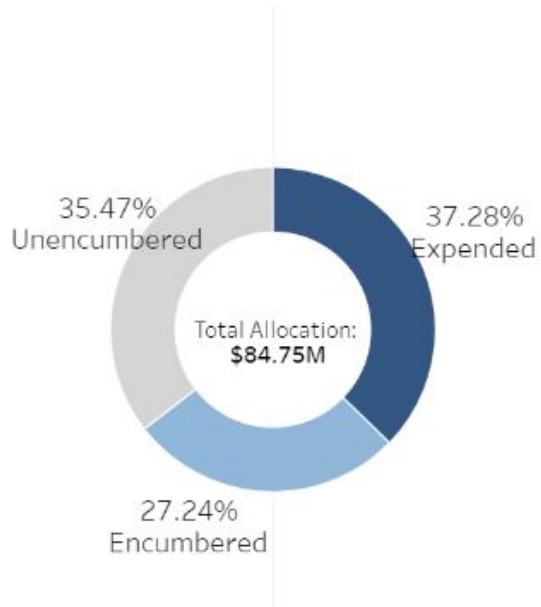
Engaging in meaningful and thoughtful action to create a new legacy

TRUTH

Being transparent and accurate when addressing the people of Colorado

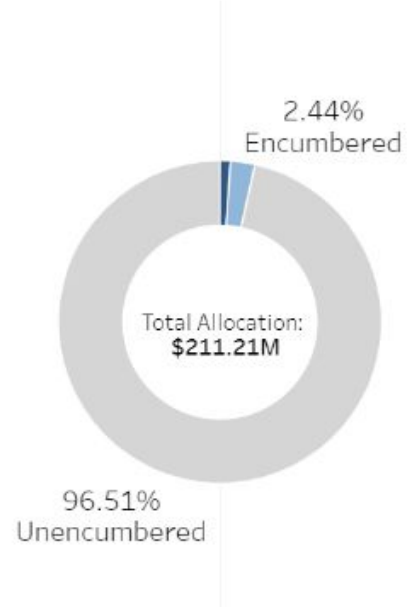
2021

ARPA State & Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (SLFRF)



2022

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2021 Summary of Funds

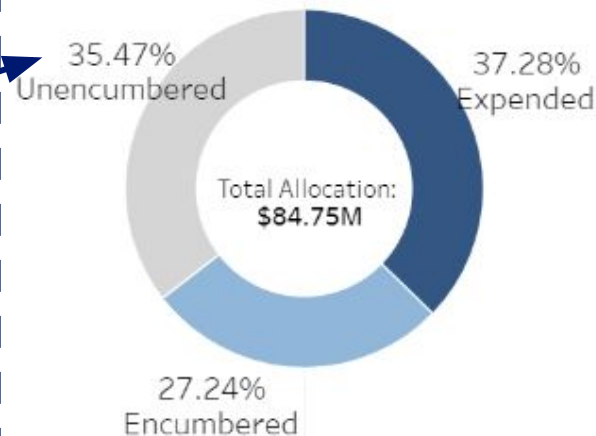
Provided funding for **twelve distinct projects** through SB 21-137 for behavioral health support across the continuum:

- Ten projects are >90% encumbered
- Nine projects are >50% expended

Four projects contribute to the majority of the 35% unencumbered amounts:

- Statewide Care Coordination Infrastructure
- Behavioral Health-Care Workforce Development Program
- Community Mental Health Centers - School Aged Children
- BH and SUD Treatment for Children, Youth, and Their Families

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2021 SB 21-137 Project Highlights

SB 21-137

Behavioral Health Workforce Development Program

Recruit, retain, and train the behavioral health workforce. Activities include: Developing an online LMS system and associated trainings, providing fiscal incentives, providing capacity-building grants

County-Based Behavioral Grant Program

Provide matching grants to county departments of human or social services for the expansion or improvement of local or regional behavioral health disorder treatment programs.

Crisis System for Colorado Residents

Improve statewide access to crisis system services for children and youth. This funding has helped provide specialized in-home crisis resolution services for children, youth, and their families who do not need inpatient level of care.

Behavioral Health Statewide Care Coordination Infrastructure

Develop coordination infrastructure for all Coloradans to identify and locate behavioral health services in their community.

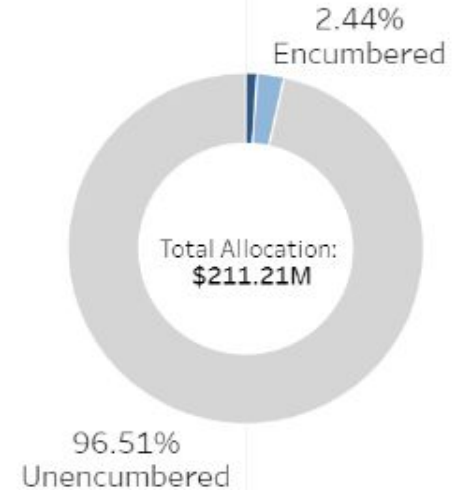


2022 Summary of Funds

Provided funding for **fifteen distinct projects** from eight bills.

- The majority of spending is allowed through December 31, 2024
- Many projects are in the early stages of planning and implementation

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2022 Summary of Funds

SB 22-181

- Released Strategic Plan “[Strengthening the Behavioral Health Workforce in Colorado: An Approach to Community Partnership](#)”
- \$4.5M in grant opportunities released in Feb 2022 to aid behavioral health employers in **retaining and recruiting** behavioral healthcare providers.
- Additional priorities include:
 - Expand peer support and develop a behavioral health aide program
 - Paid internships and pre-licensure stipends
 - Establish career pipeline development grants
 - Continuing development of Behavioral Health Learning Academy, including cross-system training certification and modules to supporting justice-involved people or those at risk of justice involvement
 - Expand behavioral health apprenticeships



Strengthening the Behavioral Health Workforce in Colorado:
An Approach to Community Partnership



SEPTEMBER 2022



2022 Summary of Funds

HB 22-1243



- Continuation of I Matter Program, offering free mental health and substance use disorder services for youth
- Program has provided up to six sessions for over 5,600 youth statewide
- 83% show rate for scheduled appointments so far in FY23
- Currently a network of 80+ provider agencies and 190+ clinicians

2022 Summary of Funds

SB 22-177

- Builds upon the Care Coordination Infrastructure initiated through SB 21-137 and further facilitates implementation of critical components of Colorado's care coordination infrastructure, namely a cloud-based platform that will allow behavioral health providers that currently do not utilize an electronic health record to actively participate in the state's care coordination infrastructure.
- BHA will train new and existing navigators on behavioral health safety net system services, procedures, and social determinants of health resources.

HB 22-1283

- Partnering with MSOs to expand capacity of residential substance use treatment beds for youth.
- Continue the innovative pilot program established by 21-137 to support crisis stabilization services for children, youth, and their families by providing personalized services to reduce referrals to higher levels of care.

HB 22-1326

- Provide technical assistance to all county jails that participate in Colorado's Jail Based Behavioral Health Services Program with development and implementation of medication-assisted substance use treatment (MAT)
- This support includes development of guidelines for evaluations, timelines, and administration of medical withdrawal management by prescribers.
- Support identifying bulk purchasing opportunities for necessary MAT services

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