



# Behavioral Health Administration - SB 22-196

Early Intervention, Deflection, and Redirection from the Criminal Justice System Grant Program

Joint Judiciary Committee  
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**COLORADO**  
Behavioral Health  
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# What is the BHA?

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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

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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.





# SB 22-196

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*§ 27-60-400, et seq., C.R.S.*



## Reporting Requirement [27-60-404(2)(a), C.R.S.]

*“On or before January 31 of each year, the house of representatives judiciary committee, the house of representatives public and behavioral health and human services committee, the senate health and human services committee, and the senate judiciary committee, or their successor committees, shall hold a joint hearing on the grant program. At the hearing, the state department shall report to the committees about the grant program, which must include an overview of the grant program, information on the type of services funded with a grant award, and where services were provided.”*



# Why Was This Grant Program Created?

- Diversion programs are one of the best investments we can make to connect people to the services they need.
- Grant program makes a transformative investment into programs to divert and deflect individuals with behavioral health needs away from the criminal justice system and into appropriate treatment.



## Program Overview

- Approx. \$49,000,000.
- Maximum grant award amount is \$5,000,000 for the overall project period.
- Total grant fund must be expended by December 30, 2024.



# Who is Eligible for These Funds?

- Community-based organization;
- Nonprofit hospital that provides behavioral health treatment;
- Local government;
- Federally recognized Indian tribe;
- Office that provides or coordinates court-appointed counsel;
- Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC) or A Rural Health Clinic (RHC) may partner with entities listed above
- A local law enforcement agency, but only for the purpose of developing or expanding a co-responder community response program.





# What Can These Grant Funds Be Used For?

- Pre-arrest early intervention programs;
- Co-responder community response;
- Improvements to crisis system and withdrawal management programs;
- Resource centers;
- Comprehensive pre-release planning;
- Mobile medication-assisted treatment unit;
- Programs aimed at deflecting, redirecting, or preventing penetration into the CJ system;
- Technical assistance and capacity-building;
- Capital expenditures related to providing the treatment and services.



# When Will Funding Be Available?

- Request for Applications went live December 8, 2022
- Group 1: Applications received by 5:00 pm on January 15, 2023 are projected to be awarded or declined by March 1, 2023, with work to begin by April 28, 2023.
  - Projects can cover April 28, 2023 - December 30, 2024.
- Group 2: Applications received by 5:00 pm on May 1, 2023 are projected to be awarded or declined by June 15, 2023, with work to begin by September 1, 2023.
  - Projects can cover September 1, 2023 - December 30, 2024.
- Group 3: Applications received by 5:00 pm on August 1, 2023 are projected to be awarded or declined by September 15, 2023, with work to begin by December 1, 2023.
  - Projects can cover December 1, 2023 - December 30, 2024.

## What the BHA will offer applicants

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- Grant writing assistance
- Once funds are awarded, technical assistance and capacity building
- Marketing materials
- A transparent and publicly available grant process

[bha.colorado.gov/resources/funding-opportunities](https://bha.colorado.gov/resources/funding-opportunities)

# Lasting Impacts, Expected Outcomes

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People in Colorado with unmet behavioral health needs, entering the criminal justice system will be offered a new path.





# Thank You

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