

SB21-137 BEHAVIORAL HEALTH RECOVERY ACT

More than **\$112M** investment addressing urgent behavioral health needs in FY2021-22

\$550M in total appropriated for behavioral health cash fund through 2024

OVERVIEW

- Creates the Behavioral Health and Mental Health Cash Fund: \$550 million in total from American Rescue Plan Act dollars
- Requires establishment of a 2021 Behavioral Health Task Force to issue a report with recommendations on policies to create transformational change and for use of designated cash funds
- Delays the convening of the Opioid and Other Substance Use Disorders Study Committee by one year



PREVENTION

\$1.75M Community engagement, provider education, grant writing assistance, and public awareness
\$1M Mental health awareness campaign
\$250K Mental health first aid
\$250K Screening, brief intervention, referral to treatment

CARE COORDINATION

\$26M Develops a comprehensive care coordination system to create a one-stop referral system for mental health and substance use disorder services



WORKFORCE

\$18M Training and incentives for behavioral health workforce as recommended by Governor's Task Force
\$2.7M Loan repayment for behavioral health workers
\$1M Regional health connector program

MENTAL HEALTH & SUBSTANCE USE DISORDER SERVICES

\$10M Substance use treatment through managed service orgs
\$9M Matching grant to local county human services
\$5M Jail-based behavioral health services
\$3.25M Community mental health centers
\$2.5M Syringe access services
\$1M Naloxone bulk purchase fund
\$630K Medication-assisted treatment consultation
\$500K Community guardianship services
\$300K Behavioral health ombudsman program
\$200K Involuntary commitment services



RECOVERY SERVICES

\$1.6M Recovery support services
\$200K Recovery residence certification
\$4M Housing assistance

RURAL SUPPORT

\$3M Medication-assisted treatment in rural communities
\$900k AgrAbility project for farmers and ranchers
\$50K Rural behavioral health vouchers



SERVICES FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH

\$4M Programs targeted to children, youth, and families
\$5M Crisis services for children and youth
\$5M Pilot program for residential placement of youth
\$3M High-risk families cash fund
\$1.2M School-based health centers
\$190K Early childhood mental health consultants
\$75K Perinatal substance use data linkage

OTHER MEASURES

Independent review of denials of residential and inpatient substance use disorder treatment
Screening of caregivers for perinatal mood and anxiety disorders
Removes fire protection districts as "safe stations" for drug collection
Offering naloxone to individuals from a correctional facility

