

American Rescue Plan County Funding Request

BEHAVIORAL HEALTH RESPONSE

- Operational Priority: 1: Essential
 2: High-Impact
 3: Nice to Have
- Timing Priority: 1: Urgent
 2: 6 months – 1 year
 3: 1 – 2 years
 4: Long-term

Total Project Budget: \$935,000 ARPA Funding Request: \$935,000

Yes No Is there FEMA, State or other Direct or Grant Funding available? If Yes, please Specify below

Other Funding Source: _____	Other Source Amount: _____
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OTHER FUNDING INFORMATION

Provide any relevant additional information to explain other funding sources identified for the project.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

There are several Behavioral Health COVID-19 response initiatives with funding gaps including expanding the Mobile Crisis Unit, completing furnishing for the Odyssey House renovation, purchasing a permanent Respite House and supporting high-intensity recruitment for key Behavioral Health management vacancies.

NEXUS TO ARPA GUIDELINES

- | Support Public Health Response | Address Negative Economic Impacts | Equity-Focused Services | Infrastructure Improvements | Other |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> COVID Mitigation & Containment | <input type="checkbox"/> Assistance to Workers & Families | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Health & Social Svcs. | <input type="checkbox"/> Water Infrastructure | <input type="checkbox"/> Please describe nexus to COVID-19 below |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Medical Expenses | <input type="checkbox"/> Small Business Assistance | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Housing & homelessness | <input type="checkbox"/> Sewer Infrastructure | |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Behavioral Healthcare | <input type="checkbox"/> Economic Relief Program | <input type="checkbox"/> Childhood health & welfare | <input type="checkbox"/> Broadband Infrastructure | |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public Health & Safety | <input type="checkbox"/> Impacted Industries | <input type="checkbox"/> Education | | |

The COVID-19 pandemic has impacted the behavioral health community in dramatic ways including changing the way the County and our contracted providers offer mental health services, higher usage of substance use treatment services and mobile crisis intervention services.

NEXUS TO BOARD OBJECTIVES & COUNTY PRIORITIES / COMMUNITY IMPACT

Board Objectives (select any that apply)

- Fiscal Stability / Core Svcs. Emergency Preparedness Economic Development Broadband
 Cannabis Housing Homelessness

County Priorities (select any that apply)

- Costs related to COVID-19 response Encourage economic recovery Provide long-term benefits to County

The COVID-19 pandemic continues to exacerbate mental health challenges within our community from interrupting service delivery to the compounding effects of isolation, our mobile crisis unit has been put to high use and

showcased a need for additional capacity. In addition, our Respite House owner has decided to end the lease and our contracted provider is on the hunt for a new place suitable to house clients who recently exited residential treatment but are not yet ready to live on their own. Faced with homelessness, Respite House provides much needed support and prevention. With the housing market so tight right now, finding a rental is proving to be problematic and yet sufficient capital funds are not available to purchase. The current renovation of Odyssey House is making significant progress but has incurred substantial cost overruns. While there was enough funding to cover the increases for the actual renovation, outfitting the new house with basic furniture is currently unfunded. Odyssey House serves adult behavioral health clients who need 24/7 support. Lastly, there are several key management positions vacant within Behavioral Health and so far recruitment has fallen short of obtaining qualified candidates. By investing in a focused head-hunting style of recruitment Behavioral Health hopes to restore core services by attracting candidates and filling these key positions.

OPERATIONAL IMPACT

Will the funds be used to pay for a direct county cost or cost incurred by others? County Cost Other Cost

Our Mobile Crisis Unit has seen a lot of use this past year and there is a need to expand its capacity to serve County residents (\$150,000). In addition, our Respite House owner has decided to end the lease and our contracted provider is on the hunt for a new place. With the housing market so tight right now, finding a rental is proving to be problematic and yet there isn't sufficient capital funds to purchase without assistance from ARPA (\$700,000). The current renovation of Odyssey House is progressing significantly, but has incurred substantial cost overruns. While there was sufficient funding to cover the increases for the actual renovation, outfitting the new house with basic furniture is currently unfunded (\$75,000). Lastly, there are several key management positions vacant within Behavioral Health and so far recruitment has fallen short of obtaining qualified candidates. We are requesting \$10,000 to assist in a focused head-hunting style of recruitment in hopes of attracting candidates.

PROJECT TIMELINE / READINESS

Mobile Crisis is ongoing and these funds would expand services. Timing would be dependent on hiring staff. Respite House could be mobilized quickly once funding is approved. Would require either following County procurement or a contract amendment with our provider to pass along funds for a suitable house. Odyssey House is expected to be completed in early Fall, so funding would be utilized prior to the end of the calendar year. Finally, recruitment for BH manager vacancies is immediately needed.

ORG CODE

In what Org Code will project expenditures be incurred?

Fund	SBU	Ofc2	Sub
XXXX	XXXXX	XXX	XXXX

Mobile Crisis Unit - \$150K was approved; other items need more research

PROJECT POINT OF CONTACT

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Dept. Head Signature: _____