



## SFY2026 Community Funding Program Guidelines

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## **Department of Mental Health & Addiction Services**

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## INTRODUCTION

The Ohio Department of Mental Health & Addiction Services (MHAS) is pleased to publish the Community Funding Program Guidelines (formerly Allocation Guidelines) for State Fiscal Year 2026. This document contains guidance on the allowable use of funds for each funding stream, as well as information regarding allocation methodology, contacts, and other important information. In conjunction with these Guidelines, MHAS is also releasing documentation that provides more specific information about specific amounts to each board area, known as the GIFA Attachment 1.

The Department continues its commitment to collecting useful programmatic data that supports statewide financial stewardship, streamlined data collection, and continuous quality improvement. The overall focus is the timely submission and curation of high-quality information to better inform future efforts. The Department will provide more specific data requirements with this release and subsequent communications.

Please review all documents in the FY26 Community Funding Release Package, as guidelines and funding information may have changed from previous years. Please contact your program or fiscal lead with questions regarding any of the information contained within these Guidelines.

### **Allocations**

The Department uses two main methods to disburse dollars to the community, broadly referred to as Allocations and Grants. Allocations are awards made typically to ADAMH Boards to support defined state and local priorities. The Board Allocations distributions are derived from several different funding sources, including state General Revenue and Dedicated Purpose funds (GRF and DPF) as well as federal awards. The Program Guidelines serve as the Department's guidance for the disbursement of allocation dollars which are typically

scheduled on a quarterly basis. Please read the allocation and funding guidelines carefully, as each funding source has specific requirements based on state and federal policies, laws and subrecipient monitoring.

## **GENERAL GUIDELINES**

The specific guideline for each funding stream is discussed in more detail below. There are also general guidelines that apply to all funding discussed here:

1. Eligibility to receive the following funds is limited to ADAMH Boards having an approved community plan and statement of services pursuant to ORC Chapters 340 and 5119.
  - ALI 336422 GRF Forensic Monitoring
  - ALI 336422 GRF Forensic Centers
  - ALI 336629 Fund 5JL0 Problem Gambling and Casino Addictions
  - ALI 336614 Federal Fund 3A90 Block Grant Base (Mental Health) Community Investment
  - ALI 336618 Federal Fund 3G40 Block Grant (Substance Use) Block Grant Community Investment
2. The Department is reviewing the ORC 340.08, budget reporting requirement. The submission of the 040-budget item will be addressed under separate guidance with Boards.
3. Recipients must submit a signed SFY26 Agreement & Assurances in GFMS as condition for funding prior to any disbursement being made.
4. All awards have a funding period of July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2026, unless otherwise noted. Unless specifically prohibited by the Guidelines below, funding may be eligible for carryover/extension to the next fiscal year on a case-by-case basis. All carryover requests must go through the official Carryover process. This process is detailed under Attachment 4 included in the FY26 Community Funding Package release.

**PROGRAM GUIDELINES**  
**By Appropriation Line Item & Program**

**Fund: GRF**  
**Appropriation Line Item: 336406 Prevention and Wellness**  
**Program Name: Prevention State Block Grant**

**Purpose:**

The purpose of the Prevention State Block Grant is to fund the provision of evidence-based and evidence-informed early intervention, suicide prevention, substance abuse prevention, and other prevention services. Prevention services should be aligned to community need, in alignment with the Strategic Prevention Framework from the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration.

**Allowable Uses:**

Allowable uses include evidence based and evidence informed activities:

- Prevention across the lifespan;
- Suicide prevention across the lifespan;
- Early intervention;
- Efforts to plan, implement, and evaluate prevention services within the community, in alignment with the Strategic Prevention Framework;
- Participation in the Ohio School Wellness Initiative, including program development and staffing to support engagement;
- Delivery of evidence based behavioral health promotion, prevention and early intervention practices within the school setting.
- Participation in and engagement with the community of practice opportunities provided by Miami University School Based Center of Excellence for Prevention and Early Intervention;
  - Cross-system collaborative efforts to address prevention needs in the community;
  - Other related activities, if approved in writing by OhioMHAS.

**Eligibility:**

ADAMH Boards having an approved community plan pursuant to ORC Chapters 340 and 5119.

**Distribution:**

Automatic quarterly distribution.

**Amount:**

\$3,000,000

**Reporting Requirements:**

ADAMH Boards will be required to report the following data points regarding the utilization of these funds:

- The type of service provided and number of individuals served;
- The amount spent, broken down by primary, secondary, tertiary, and targeted expenditures;
- Data regarding provider determination and monitoring activities;
- Key performance indicators and outcomes achieved.

**Funding Period:**

7/1/2025 – 6/30/2026

**Office and Lead(s):**

**Office of Community & Family Resiliency**

Email: [mh-preventionservices@mha.ohio.gov](mailto:mh-preventionservices@mha.ohio.gov)

**Fund: GRF**  
**Appropriation Line Item: 336407 Crisis Services and Stabilization**  
**Program Name: Crisis Services State Block Grant**

**Purpose:**

This allocation shall be used to fund the provision of crisis services and supports. These funds will directly support the development of standardized and quality crisis services in communities to serve as an appropriate alternative to arrest or emergency room visits and to help meet the needs of individuals and families to prevent or stabilize a behavioral health crisis. These funds will help ensure crisis services are a part of an integrated care continuum focused on managing individuals' behavioral health and medical needs.

The Department's vision is for every Ohioan to have access to a visible and accessible crisis continuum of services and supports that are person-centered, quality driven and focused on ensuring people are stabilized and thriving in the community. The following investments will ensure forward progress toward achieving that vision.

Allowable uses include:

- Mobile Crisis Services;
- Behavioral Health Urgent Care Services;
- Crisis Stabilization and Crisis Residential Centers;
- Crisis stabilization and crisis prevention services and supports;
- Cross-systems collaborative efforts to address crisis services needs in the community;
- Other related activities, if approved in writing by OhioMHAS.

**Eligibility:**

ADAMH Boards having an approved community plan pursuant to ORC Chapters 340 and 5119.

**Distribution:**

Automatic quarterly distribution.

**Amount:**

\$16,000,000

**Reporting Requirements:**

ADAMH Boards will be required to report the following data points regarding the utilization of these funds:

- The type of service provided and number of individuals served;



- The amount spent, broken down by primary, secondary, tertiary, and targeted expenditures;
- Data regarding provider determination and monitoring activities;
- Key performance indicators and outcomes achieved.

**Funding Period:**

7/1/2025 – 6/30/2026

**Office and Lead(s) Contact Info:** Office of Treatment Services  
CrisisSystem@mha.ohio.gov

**Fund:** GRF

**Appropriation Line Item:** 336421 Continuum of Care Services

**Program Name:** Substance Use Disorder State Block Grant

**Purpose:**

This allocation shall be used to fund the provision of substance use services and recovery supports for adults and youth by appropriate, qualified treatment providers or peer-run organizations.

Allowable uses include:

**Allowable uses:**

Boards shall utilize funds to address established priorities for addiction services, mental health services, and recovery supports. Funds shall also be used to impact indicators identified in the respective ADAMH Board Community Assessment Plan (CAP). Funds can be used to address substance use or co-occurring substance use and mental health services and recovery supports.

- Initiatives concerning alcohol and drug addiction services;
- Initiatives concerning harm reduction;
- Care coordination for those with substance use disorders;
- Substance use stabilization centers;
- Substance use mobile treatment initiatives.
- Cross-system collaborative efforts to address substance use disorder needs in the community;
- Outreach and engagement activities including locating persons in need of substance use disorder treatment services and helping those receiving substance use disorder treatment services obtain services necessary to meet basic human needs for food, clothing, shelter, medical care, personal safety, and income;
- Assessment services;
- Improving access to substance use disorder outpatient services including non-intensive, intensive (such as partial hospitalization and assertive community treatment), and withdrawal management;
- Improving access to substance use disorder residential treatment;
- Improving access to medically managed substance use disorder treatment;
- Improving access to substance use disorder recovery supports including peer support, employment/vocational/and educational opportunities, twelve-step approaches, and parent advocacy connection.
- Providing support, assistance, consultation, and education for families, friends, and persons receiving substance use disorder services.
- Other related activities, if approved in writing by OhioMHAS.

**Eligibility:**

ADAMH Boards having an approved community plan pursuant to ORC Chapters 340 and 5119.

**Distribution:**

Automatic quarterly distribution.

**Amount:**

\$9,500,000

**Reporting Requirements:**

ADAMH Boards will be required to report the following data points regarding the utilization of these funds:

- The type of service provided and number of individuals served;
- The amount spent, broken down by primary, secondary, tertiary, and targeted expenditures;
- Data regarding provider determination and monitoring activities;
- Key performance indicators and outcomes achieved.

**Funding Period:**

7/1/2025 – 6/30/2026

**Office and Lead(s) Contact Info:** Office of Community Treatment Services, Jordan Knipper – [SUDStateBG@mha.ohio.gov](mailto:SUDStateBG@mha.ohio.gov)

**Fund:** GRF

**Appropriation Line Item:** 336421 Continuum of Care Services

**Program Name:** Mental Health State Block Grant

**Purpose:**

The purpose of the Mental Health State Block Grant funds is to provide services and programs for adults, children, and youth with mental health needs by qualified community behavioral health providers or peer-run organizations.

**Allowable uses:**

This allocation shall be used to fund the provision of mental health services and recovery supports across the continuum for individuals who are uninsured or underinsured. Boards shall utilize funds to address established priorities for addiction services, mental health services, and recovery supports. Other payor sources should be exhausted first as appropriate. Funds shall also be used to impact indicators identified in the respective ADAMH Board Community Assessment Plan (CAP). Funds can be used for individuals with co-occurring mental health and substance use diagnoses with the mental health diagnosis being the primary.

Allowable uses include:

- Mental health services, including the treatment of indigent mentally ill persons subject to court order in hospitals or inpatient units licensed by the Department of Behavioral Health under section 5119.33 of the Revised Code.
- Cross-system collaborative efforts to serve adults with serious mental illness who are involved in multiple human services or criminal justice systems (formerly Access to Wellness) and children who are involved in multiple human services or criminal justice systems;
- Locating individuals in need of mental health services to inform them of available services and benefits and increase access;
- Assistance for persons to obtain resources necessary to meet basic human needs for food, clothing, shelter, medical care, personal safety, and income;
- Mental Health services, including, but not limited to, outpatient, residential, and partial hospitalization. Where appropriate, funding can be used to purchase patient bed days for inpatient psychiatric hospitals located in Ohio;
- Assistance for persons to obtain vocational services and opportunities for employment;
- The provision of services designed to develop social, community, and personal living skills;
- Support, assistance, consultation, and education for families, friends, persons receiving mental health services, and others;
- Leverage existing resources and partnerships to support community tenure, successful recovery, and positive long-term outcomes;
- Other initiatives, such as peer support and care coordination, that are designed to address mental health needs to initiate and sustain recovery; and
- Other initiatives designed to address mental health needs, if approved in writing by OhioMHAS

**Eligibility:**

ADAMH Boards having an approved Community Assessment Plan pursuant to ORC Chapters 340 and 5119.

**Application Process:**

ADAMHS Boards must submit the Department's FY26 Agreements and Assurances document and complete a GFMS Allocation Application that includes proof of insurance, proof of audit, a completed Attachment 4, and a list of all community behavioral health providers and nonprofit organizations that are contracted entities in the respective Board area.

**Distribution:**

Automatic quarterly distribution.

**Amount:**

\$69,500,000

**Reporting Requirements:**

ADAMH Boards will be required to report the following data points regarding the utilization of these funds:

- The type of service provided and number of individuals served;
- The amount spent, broken down by primary, secondary, tertiary, and targeted expenditures;
- Data regarding provider determination and monitoring activities;
- Key performance indicators and outcomes achieved;

**Funding Period:**

7/1/2025 – 6/30/2026

**Office and Contact Info:**

Office of Treatment Services: [MHStateBG@mha.ohio.gov](mailto:MHStateBG@mha.ohio.gov)

**Fund:** GRF

**Appropriation Line Item:** 336421 Continuum of Care Services

**Program Name:** Recovery Supports State Block Grant

**Purpose:**

This allocation shall be used to fund the provision of recovery supports for individuals seeking and in recovery from mental health and substance use disorders

Allowable uses include:

- Subsidized support for psychotropic and substance use disorder treatment medication needs of indigent citizens in the community to reduce unnecessary hospitalization due to lack of medication;
- Peer support services;
- Operational expenses and minor facility improvements to class two and class three residential facilities licensed under section 5119.34 of the Revised Code and recovery housing residences;
- Community reintegration supports;
- Cross-system collaborative efforts to address recovery support needs in the community;
- Employment services and supports;
- Financial literacy and education;
- Work Incentives Planning – training and support;
- Transportation supports;
- Housing services and supports;
- Other related activities, if approved in writing by OhioMHAS.

**Eligibility:**

ADAMH Boards having an approved community plan pursuant to ORC Chapters 340 and 5119.

**Distribution:**

Automatic quarterly distribution.

**Amount:**

\$19,500,000

**Reporting Requirements:**

ADAMH Boards will be required to report the following data points regarding the utilization of these funds:

- The type of service provided and number of individuals served;
- The amount spent, broken down by primary, secondary, tertiary, and targeted expenditures;
- Data regarding provider determination and monitoring activities;
- Key performance indicators and outcomes achieved.

**Funding Period:**

7/1/2025 – 6/30/2026

**Office and Lead(s) Contact Info:** Bureau of Recovery Supports  
*RecoverySupportsStateBG@mha.ohio.gov*

**Fund: GRF**  
**Appropriation Line Item: 336422 Criminal Justice Services**  
**Program Name: Criminal Justice State Block Grant**

**Purpose:**

This allocation shall be used to fund the provision of services and supports to incarcerated individuals and individuals being discharged from prisons, jails, diversion facilities, and regional state psychiatric hospitals

Allowable uses include:

- Medication-assisted treatment and treatment involving drugs used in withdrawal management or detoxification;
- Community reintegration supports;
- Substance use disorder treatment and mental health treatment, including the provision of such treatment as an alternative to incarceration, as well as recovery supports;
- Forensic monitoring and tracking of individuals on conditional release;
- Forensic and crisis response training;
- Projects that assist courts and law enforcement in identifying and developing appropriate alternative services to incarceration for nonviolent offenders with mental illness;
- The provision of services to incarcerated individuals in jails with a substance use disorder, severe mental illness, or both, including screening and clinically appropriate treatment;
- Linkages to, and the provision of, substance use disorder treatment, mental health treatment, recovery supports, and specialized re-entry services for incarcerated individuals leaving prisons and jails;
- Cross-system collaborative efforts to address the needs of individuals involved in the criminal justice system;
- Other related activities, if approved in writing by OhioMHAS.

**Eligibility:**

ADAMH Boards having an approved community plan pursuant to ORC Chapters 340 and 5119.

**Distribution:**

Automatic quarterly distribution.

**Amount:**

\$5,115,483.00

**Reporting Requirements:**

ADAMH Boards will be required to report the following data points regarding the utilization of these funds:



- The type of service provided and number of individuals served;
- The amount spent, broken down by primary, secondary, tertiary, and targeted expenditures;
- Data regarding provider determination and monitoring activities;
- Key performance indicators and outcomes achieved.

**Funding Period:**

7/1/2025 – 6/30/2026

**Office and Lead(s) Contact Info:** Office of Criminal Justice and Recovery Services, Chris Nicastro – [Christopher.Nicastro@mha.ohio.gov](mailto:Christopher.Nicastro@mha.ohio.gov)

**Fund:** 3A70                      **CFDA#:** 93.667

**Appropriation Line Item (ALI):** 336612 FFY 2026 Social Services Block Grant

**Program Name:** Title XX Allocation – 4221C

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**Purpose:** The Social Services Block Grant (SSBG) is a flexible funding source that allows States and Territories to tailor behavioral health services to their population’s needs. Through the SSBG, States provide essential social services that help achieve a myriad of goals to reduce dependency and promote self-sufficiency; protect children and adults from neglect, abuse and exploitation; and help individuals who are unable to take care of themselves to stay in their homes or to find the best institutional arrangements.

**Allowable Uses:**

This allocation shall be used to fund the provision of services and recovery supports to individuals who are uninsured or underinsured as payor of last resort. Boards shall utilize funds to address locally identified needs and gaps in services. Funds shall also be used to impact indicators identified in the respective ADAMH Board Community Assessment Plan (CAP).

Funds should be used to provide community mental health services to address the Title XX Goals of:

- *Self-Support: Achieving or maintaining economic self-support to prevent, reduce or eliminate dependency.*
- *Self-Sufficiency: Achieving or maintain economic self-sufficiency including reduction or prevention of dependency.*
- *Preventing Neglect, Abuse, and Exploitation: Preventing or remedying neglect, abuse, or exploitation of children or adults unable to protect their own interests.*
- *Preserving Families: Preserving, rehabilitation, or reuniting families*
- *Community-Based Care: Preventing or reducing inappropriate institutional care by providing for community based care, or other forms of less intensive care.*
- *Institutional Care: Securing referral or admission for institutional care when other forms of care are not appropriate or providing services to individuals in institutions.*

*See Comprehensive Social Services Block Grant “Title XX” Plan for additional detail.*

**Eligibility:**

ADAMH Boards having an approved Community Assessment Plan pursuant to ORC Chapters 340 and 5119.

**Application Process:**

ADAMHS Boards must submit the Department’s FY26 Agreements and Assurances document and complete a GFMS Allocation Application that includes proof of insurance, proof of audit, a completed Attachment 4, and a list of all community behavioral health providers and nonprofit organizations that are contracted entities in the respective Board area.

Additional requirements and instructions on applying for Title XX Funds will be included in the department’s official Title XX Plan and Instruction Letter, which will be published to the OhioMHAS

website at: <https://mha.ohio.gov/supporting-providers/apply-for-funding/reporting-forms/>

**Funding Period:** 10/1/2025 – 9/30/2026 (Federal Fiscal Year)

**Amount:** TBD (FY26 Amount is subject to change based on availability of federal funds)

**Fund Distribution:** Funds are distributed quarterly as allocation via GFMS, see Attachment 1

**Reporting Requirements:** Please reference instruction letter for the completion of the Social Services Block Grant (SSBG - Title XX) Annual Report sent directly to Boards.

Boards are required to complete their Allocation application in GFMS and complete all fiscal reporting requirements.

All entities receiving these funds should have an application, including an implementation plan, in the GFMS system and approved by the Board so that data can be collected per Title XX requirements. Boards may not provide funding to any entity that does not have an approved application in the GFMS system.

6/13/25 Update: Boards will need to guarantee all grantee subrecipients have GFMS account and submit a grant application by December 1st, 2025. Contractors or vendors do not need to complete a GFMS application. However, the Department intends to collect data on contract expenses utilizing pass-through funds and Boards should maintain detailed expenditure information on all federal awards. More guidance is forthcoming. When determining if a relationship is a contract or subrecipient, please refer to 2 CFR 200.331 and any other applicable federal, state, and local laws.

ADAMH Boards will be required to report the following data points regarding the utilization of these funds:

- The type of service provided and number of individuals served;
- Submit a list of subcontractors and dollar amount
- The amount spent, broken down by primary, secondary, tertiary, and targeted expenditures;
- Data regarding provider determination and monitoring activities;
- Key performance indicators and outcomes achieved;
- Explanation of how utilization of funds addresses a strategic plan and/or identified needs and gaps in services; and
- Explanation of how utilization meets the mental health treatment (adult and youth) and/or Recovery Support indicator(s) identified in the CAP

**Office and Contact Info:**

Office of Treatment Services: [TitleXXBG@mha.ohio.gov](mailto:TitleXXBG@mha.ohio.gov)

**Fund:** 3A90 - CFDA 93.958

**Appropriation Line Item:** 336614 Mental Health Block Grant (MHBG)

**Program Name:** Mental Health Federal Block Grant - 4221

\*Federal fund distributions to Ohio are subject to change without advance notice. Consequently, In the event of federal changes, allocations to boards may also change.

**Purpose:**

The purpose of Federal Mental Health Block Grant funds is to provide services and programs for adults with serious mental illness (SMI) and children and youth with serious emotional disturbance (SED) by qualified community mental health providers or peer-run organizations.

**Allowable Uses:**

This allocation shall be used to fund the provision of mental health services and recovery supports to adults with SMI and children and youth with SED who are uninsured or underinsured as payor of last resort. Boards shall utilize funds to address locally identified needs and gaps in services. Funds shall also be used to impact indicators identified in the respective ADAMH Board Community Assessment Plan (CAP). Funds can be used for individuals with co-occurring mental health and substance use diagnoses with the mental health diagnosis being the primary.

- Locating persons in need of mental health services to inform them of available services and benefits and increase access;
- Cross-system collaborative efforts to serve adults with serious mental illness (SMI) and children and youth with serious emotional disturbance (SED) who are involved in multiple human services or criminal justice systems
- Targeted Services to Rural and Homeless Populations and to Older Adults: Provides outreach to and services for individuals who experience homelessness; community-based services to older adults.
- Information Systems, Infrastructure Support, Needs Assessment, Quality Improvement, Evaluation, Training and Education for mental health services providers and peer run organizations, to benefit individuals with SMI and SED.
- Leverage existing resources and partnerships to support community tenure, successful recovery, and positive long-term outcomes;
- Other initiatives, such as peer support, that are designed to address mental health needs to initiate and sustain recovery; and
- Other related activities, if approved in writing by OhioMHAS.

**Eligibility:** ADAMH Boards having an approved Community Assessment Plan pursuant to ORC Chapters 340 and 5119.

**Application Process:**

ADAMHS Boards must submit the Department's FY26 Agreements and Assurances document and complete a GFMS Allocation Application that includes proof of insurance, proof of audit, a completed Attachment 4, and a list of all community behavioral health providers and nonprofit organizations that are contracted entities in the respective Board area.

**Funding Period:** 10/1/2025 – 9/30/2026 (Federal Fiscal Year)

**Prohibited Expenditures:**

Federal Community Mental Health Block Grant funds may not be used to:

- Provide inpatient services;
- Make cash payments to intended recipients of health services;
- Purchase or improve land, purchase, construct, or permanently improve (other than minor remodeling) any building or other facility, or purchase major medical equipment
- Satisfy any requirement for the expenditure of non-Federal funds as a condition of the receipt of Federal funds;
- Provide financial assistance in the form of 'grant' to any entity other than a public or nonprofit entity; contracts with for-profit organizations are allowable
- Fund research (funds may be used for evaluation of programs and services);
- Supplant activities funded by other SAMHSA Grants; and
- Fund lobbying activities intended to influence the Ohio Legislature or Congress

**Reimbursement:** Automatic quarterly distribution via Grants and Funds Management System (GFMS)

**Amount:** \$5,707,500.00

**Distribution:** See Attachment 1

**Reporting Requirements:** Boards are required to complete their Allocation application in GFMS and complete all department mandated fiscal reporting requirements.

All entities receiving these funds should have an application, including an implementation plan, in the GFMS system and approved by the Board so that data can be collected per the MHBG reporting requirements. Boards may not provide funding to any entity that does not have an approved application in the GFMS system.

6/13/25 Update: Boards will need to guarantee all grantee subrecipients have GFMS account and submit a grant application by December 1st, 2025. Contractors or vendors do not need to complete a GFMS application. However, the Department intends to collect data on contract expenses utilizing pass-through funds and Boards should maintain detailed expenditure information on all federal awards. More guidance is forthcoming. When determining if a relationship is a contract or subrecipient, please refer to 2 CFR 200.331 and any other applicable federal, state, and local laws.

ADAMH Boards will be required to report the following data points regarding the utilization of these funds:

- The type of service provided and number of individuals served;
- The amount spent, broken down by primary, secondary, tertiary, and targeted expenditures;
- Data regarding provider determination and monitoring activities;
- Key performance indicators and outcomes achieved;
- Explanation of how utilization of funds addresses a strategic plan and/or identified needs and gaps in services; and
- Explanation of how utilization meets the mental health treatment (adult and youth) and/or Recovery Support indicator(s) identified in the CAP

**Office and Contact Info.:**

Office of Treatment Services: MHFederalBG@mha.ohio.gov

**Fund: 3A90/3G40 - CFDA#: 93.958 & 93.959**  
**Appropriation Line Item (ALI): 336614 & 336618**  
**Program Name: Housing Support (formerly DSA Housing)**

\*Federal fund distributions to Ohio are subject to change without advance notice. Consequently, In the event of federal changes, allocations to boards may also change.

**Purpose:** The match grant offers the opportunity for interested and qualified Permanent Supportive Housing and Transitional Housing entities serving individuals with severe and persistent mental illness (SPMI) and/or co-occurring substance use disorder (SUD), or SUD and/or SUD with co-occurring mental illness and are homeless to participate in the ODOD Supportive Housing Program (SHP). The match program offers up to half of the amount of ODOD's local match requirement which is 50% of the requested SHP grant.

**Eligibility Requirements:**

- Provider Organizations must demonstrate the ability to secure at least half of ODOD's required local match.
- The SHP program must serve SPMI and/or SPMI and co-occurring SPMI and SUD, or SUD and/or SUD and co-occurring mental illness who are homeless.
- The Provider Organization must partner with the local ADAMHS/MHRB Board: The funds are allocated to the Provider Organization through the local ADAMH/MHRB Boards; therefore, the Provider Organization must work with and obtain support from the local Board to receive these funds on their behalf. If there are multiple applicants in a Board area, the Board will be asked to prioritize projects that request match funding,

**Funding Period:** July 1, 2025, through June 30, 2026

**Prohibited Expenditures:** *See Block Grant Restrictions*

**Other Info:** Once a Pre-application has been received and is reviewed to ensure that it meets eligibility criteria for match funds, OhioMHAS will issue a Pre-Application Commitment letter. A copy of the Letter should be included in the application submission to the Ohio Department of Development. The commitment letter is only valid if the Program(s) is/are funded by ODOD. OhioMHAS reserves the right to reduce the commitment. OhioMHAS match funding is subject to availability of funds. OhioMHAS may reduce pre-application commitments on a pro rata basis to keep its total commitment to the amount of allocated funds. Also, OhioMHAS awards will be based on ODOD's final award amount. For example, if ODOD decreases to the final award amount, OhioMHAS will do likewise, and the reverse is also true provided funding is available. Once ODOD announces final awards, OhioMHAS will determine how many projects requested match were funded; in January 2026, the funds will be released to the Board(s). All OhioMHAS funds must be expended in the first year of the two-year grant and all funds should be drawn down no later than June 30, 2026.

**Amount:** 630,000.00 (MHBG)

**Fund Distribution:** Funds are distributed automatically January 2026

**Office and Lead(s) Contact Info:** Susan Tafrate, [susan.tafrate@mha.ohio.gov](mailto:susan.tafrate@mha.ohio.gov), 614.466.9955.

**Fund Code:** 3G40      **CFDA:** 93.959

**Appropriation Line Item:** 336618 Substance Use Prevention Treatment and Recovery Services  
Block Grant (SUPTRS) - Formerly SAPT Block Grant

**Program Name:** SUD Federal Block Grant - 4221C

\*Federal fund distributions to Ohio are subject to change without advance notice. Consequently, In the event of federal changes, allocations to boards may also change.

**Purpose:**

The purpose of Federal SUPTRS Block Grant funds is to help plan, implement, and evaluate activities that prevent and treat substance use. Funds may provide services and programs for adults and youth with substance use disorder, or those at risk of developing a substance use disorder by appropriate, qualified community behavioral health providers, or peer-run organizations.

**Allowable Uses:**

This allocation shall be used to fund the provision of substance use disorder primary prevention, treatment, and recovery supports to adults and youth who are uninsured or underinsured as payor of last resort. Boards shall utilize funds to address locally identified needs and gaps in services. Funds shall also be used to impact indicators identified in the respective ADAMH Board Community Assessment Plan (CAP).

Boards should prioritize uses to address SUPTRS Block Grant Priority Populations and Activities

- Plan for Substance Use Disorder Prevention, Treatment and Recovery Services for Individuals, Families and Communities (42 U.S.C. § 300x- 21 and 45 CFR § 96.122)
- Primary Prevention (42 U.S.C. § 300x-22(a) and 45 CFR §96.125).
- Pregnant Women and Women with Dependent Children (42 U.S.C. § 300x-22(b); 42 U.S.C. § 300x-27; 45 CFR § 96.124(c) (e); and 45 CFR §96.131).
- Persons Who Inject Drugs (42 U.S.C. § 300x-23 and 45 CFR §96.126).
- Tuberculosis Services (42 U.S.C. § 300x-24(a) and 45 CFR §96.127).
- Referrals to Treatment (42 U.S.C. § 300x-28(a) and 45 CFR § 96.132(a) and Coordination of Ancillary Services (42 U.S.C. § 300x-28(c) and 45 CFR § 96.132(c).
- Professional Development (42 U.S.C. § 300x-28(b) and 45 CFR § 96.132(b)
- Supporting access to substance use disorder treatment services through mobile medication units (42 U.S.C. § 8.11(h)) and other mobile treatment services.
- Harm reduction initiatives including supplies, education and training materials, and outreach efforts.

**Eligibility:** ADAMH Boards that have submitted a Community Assessment Plan (CAP) to OhioMHAS, signed the Agreements and Assurances document, and submitted and approved GFMS Allocation Application. This includes proof of insurance, proof of audit, and completing Attachment 4, a list of all community behavioral health providers and other nonprofit organizations in your Board area that are contracted entities.

**Funding Period:** 10/1/2024 – 9/30/2026 (Federal Fiscal Year)



**Prohibited Expenditures:**

Federal Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment Block funds may not be used to:

- Provide inpatient services;
- Make cash payments to intended recipients of health services;
- Purchase or improve land, purchase, construct, or permanently improve (other than minor remodeling) any building or other facility, or purchase major medical equipment
- Satisfy any requirement for the expenditure of non-Federal funds as a condition of the receipt of Federal funds;
- Provide financial assistance in the form of 'grant' to any entity other than a public or nonprofit entity; contracts with for-profit organizations are allowable
- Fund research (funds may be used for evaluation of programs and services);
- Supplant activities funded by other SAMHSA Grants; and
- Fund lobbying activities intended to influence the Ohio Legislature or Congress

**Reimbursement:** Automatic quarterly distribution via Grants and Funds Management System (GFMS)

**Amount:**

\$19,000,775.00

**Distribution:**

See Attachment 1

**Reporting Requirements:**

Boards are required to complete their Allocation application in GFMS and complete all department mandated fiscal reporting requirements.

All entities receiving these funds should have an application, including an implementation plan, in the GFMS system and approved by the Board so that data can be collected per the SUPTRS reporting requirements. Boards may not provide funding to any entity that does not have an approved application in the GFMS system.

6/13/25 Update: Boards will need to guarantee all grantee subrecipients have GFMS account and submit a grant application by December 1st, 2025. Contractors or vendors do not need to complete a GFMS application. However, the Department intends to collect data on contract expenses utilizing pass-through funds and Boards should maintain detailed expenditure information on all federal awards. More guidance is forthcoming. When determining if a relationship is a contract or subrecipient, please refer to 2 CFR 200.331 and any other applicable federal, state, and local laws.

Other reporting requirements include timely submission of the **State Entity Inventory Report**. Boards are also required to submit their [90% SUD Treatment Capacity Reports](#) each quarter and annual [Tuberculosis MOE Report](#) (Click to access report templates).

ADAMH Boards will be required to report the following data points regarding the utilization of these funds:

- The type of service provided and number of individuals served;
- The amount spent, broken down by primary, secondary, tertiary, and targeted expenditures;
- Data regarding provider determination and monitoring activities;

- Key performance indicators and outcomes achieved;
- Explanation of how utilization of funds addresses a strategic plan and/or identified needs and gaps in services; and
- Explanation of how utilization meets the mental health treatment (adult and youth) and/or Recovery Support indicator(s) identified in the CAP

**Office and Lead(s):**

Office of Treatment Services: [SUDFederalBG@mha.ohio.gov](mailto:SUDFederalBG@mha.ohio.gov)

**Fund Code:** 3G40 – CFDA 93.959

**Appropriation Line Item:** 336618 Substance Use Prevention Treatment and Recovery Supports  
Block Grant (SUPTRS) Formerly SAPT Block Grant

**Program Name:** Prevention Federal Block Grant (Per Capita) - 4253C

\*Federal fund distributions to Ohio are subject to change without advance notice. Consequently, In the event of federal changes, allocations to boards may also change

**Purpose:**

The purpose of these funds is to provide funding to area providers and programs through the ADAMHS Boards to support the development and implementation of a comprehensive array of primary prevention interventions to meet the needs of their communities.

Prevention focuses on preventing or delaying the onset of behavioral health problems (e.g. substance abuse and other addictions like problem gambling). Prevention services are a planned sequence of culturally appropriate, science-driven strategies intended to increase knowledge and skills; facilitate attitude and behavior change; and build resiliency within individuals and communities. These services do not include clinical assessment, treatment or recovery support services.

**Allowable Uses:**

The OhioMHAS prevention allocation shall be used by the boards consistent with their submitted Community Assessment Plans (CAP) and approved budgets. Strategies should be selected based on the assessment of needs, resources and readiness conducted as part of the community planning process to ensure funded prevention interventions will address community risk and protective factors that can complicate or mitigate substance use and other risk behaviors.

Note: For funding purposes, the Prevention Services allocation and the Youth Led allocations have been combined into one Prevention allocation.

Youth Led Programming is a comprehensive approach to addressing the emotional and behavioral health of youth and is a sound investment in meaningful youth involvement in community prevention efforts. Youth Led Programs should empower youth emotionally, cognitively, and behaviorally so they can influence social and political systems that affect their lives.

These funds should be used by ADAMHS Boards to support Youth Led Programs that utilize the evidence-based Youth Empowerment Conceptual Framework, which addresses individual and group level change; allows youth to develop a data driven strategic plan; and to select a problem of focus in their community, then choose an evidence-based strategy to implement and address the problem.

**Eligibility:**

ADAMH Boards that have submitted a Community Assessment Plan (CAP) to OhioMHAS, signed the Department's FY26 Agreements and Assurances document, and completed a GFMS Allocation Application. This includes proof of insurance, proof of audit, and completing Attachment 4, a list of all community behavioral health providers and other nonprofit organizations in your Board area that are contracted entities.

**Funding Period:** 10/1/2025-9/30/2026 (Federal Fiscal Year)

**Prohibited Expenditures:**

Federal Substance Use Prevention Treatment and Recovery Support Block Grant funds may not be used to:

- provide inpatient hospital services, with limited exceptions
- make cash payments to intended recipients of health services
- purchase or improve land, purchase, construct, or permanently improve (other than minor remodeling) any building or other facility, or purchase major medical equipment;
- satisfy any requirement for the expenditure of non-Federal funds as a condition for the receipt of Federal funds;
- provide financial assistance (“grants”) to any entity other than a public or nonprofit private entity;
- supplant activities funded by other SAMHSA Grants
- purchase, prescribe, or provide marijuana or treatment using marijuana to treat Substance Use Disorder

**Reimbursement:** Automatic quarterly distribution via Grants and Funds Management System (GFMS)

**Amount:** \$10,734,771

**Distribution:** See Attachment 1.

**Reporting Requirements:**

Boards are required to complete their Allocation application in GFMS and complete all fiscal reporting requirements.

All entities receiving these funds should have an application, including an implementation plan, in the GFMS system and approved by the Board so that data can be collected per the SUPTRS reporting requirements. Boards may not provide funding to any entity that does not have an approved application in the GFMS system.

6/13/25 Update: Boards will need to guarantee all grantee subrecipients have GFMS account and submit a grant application by December 1st, 2025. Contractors or vendors do not need to complete a GFMS application. However, the Department intends to collect data on contract expenses utilizing pass-through funds and Boards should maintain detailed expenditure information on all federal awards. More guidance is forthcoming. When determining if a relationship is a contract or subrecipient, please refer to 2 CFR 200.331 and any other applicable federal, state, and local laws.

ADAMH Boards will be required to report the following data points regarding the utilization of these funds:

- The type of service provided and number of individuals served;
- The amount spent, broken down by primary, secondary, tertiary, and targeted expenditures;
- Data regarding provider determination and monitoring activities;
- Key performance indicators and outcomes achieved.

**Office and Lead(s):**

**Office of Community & Family Resiliency**

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**Fund:** Operating Expenses/1490  
**Appropriation Line Item (ALI):** 336610  
**Program Name:** Access to Success

**Purpose:**

Access to Success is a collaboration between the Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services and the Ohio Department of Medicaid. This program serves as a resource for patients who are discharging from a Regional Psychiatric Hospital (RPH). The goal of the program is to provide one-time recovery supports to meet basic needs and to support smooth and lasting transitions from the hospital into the community.

**Eligibility:**

Patients discharging from a Regional Psychiatric Hospital (RPH) may require recovery supports to meet basic needs and to support a smooth and lasting transition from the hospital into the community. Recovery supports assist patients in initiating, stabilizing, and maintaining recovery from mental illness and/or substance use disorders. Common recovery supports include housing, basic need items, transportation, identification, services, and other miscellaneous items such as access to a cell phone. Recovery supports are considered and deemed appropriate on an individual basis.

**Funding Period:** 7/1/25 – 6/30/26

**Prohibited Expenditures:**

Recovery supports are considered and deemed appropriate or prohibited on an individual basis based upon clinical judgement and patient need.

**Reimbursement:** Allocation

**Other Info:** Access to Success funds may be obtained through two pathways: Quick Access and Long Access.

- **Quick Access:**
  - Requests totaling under \$2,000 that are applied for (using form DMHAS-7200) and approved at the RPH level.
  - Expenses are paid through voucher, purchasing card, or check.
  - RPHs are provided an annual Quick Access budget.
- **Long Access:**
  - Requests totaling over \$2,000 that are applied for (using form DMHAS-7217) in conjunction with a community ADAMH Board or agency and approved at the Central Office Level.
  - Expenses are paid through GFMS to Boards/providers with approved allocation applications.

**Amount:** \$500,000

**Distribution:** Quick Access allocations will be paid at the RPH level through voucher, purchasing card, or check. Long Access allocations will be made available through GFMS to ADAMH Boards or Community Mental Health Centers with approved allocation applications.

**Office and Lead(s) Contact Info:**

Office of Hospital Services – **Amy Gerstmeyer**  
**(Amy.Gerstmeyer@mha.ohio.gov)**

**Fund: GRF**  
**Appropriation Line Item: 336422 Criminal Justice Services (Forensic Centers)**  
**Program Name: Forensic Centers**

**Purpose:**

This allocation was developed to provide, through a system of Designated Community Forensic Evaluation Centers, forensic evaluations of defendants to determine competence to stand trial and mental condition at the time of the offense (sanity) for courts of common pleas, general division. These funds are also used to provide post- NGRI evaluations when required by the Court and nonsecured status/“second opinion” evaluations as required by Section 2945.401(D) of the Ohio Revised Code. If time and resources allow, these funds may be used for (a) consultation to Boards, agencies, courts and the criminal justice system, (b) training in effective evaluation and treatment of forensic clients, and (c) assistance in needs assessment for Board and provider planning.

**Eligibility:**

Entities that are “Designated Forensic Evaluation Centers” may apply to renew their designation for state funding according to the provisions of Ohio Administrative Code 5122-32-01. Initial applications are accepted only if a Designated Forensic Evaluation Center chooses not to renew or is no longer designated by the Department for failure to comply with the requirements of this rule.

**Prohibited Expenditures:**

ALI 4224C funds are not intended for services to courts or agencies other than Courts of Common Pleas, General Division and MHAS regional psychiatric hospitals. Courts of Common Pleas, General Division serve only (a) adults and (b) juveniles who are bound over from the Juvenile Division to the General Division.

**Disbursement:**

Automatic quarterly distribution

**Amount:**

\$7,000,000 GRF

**Reporting Requirements:**

The Designated Forensic Evaluation Centers will report case data into the CFP database. In addition, a report shall be included in the Designated Forensic Evaluation Center’s annual report and application. The annual report must include the following:

- Describe agency efforts towards staff recruitment, hiring, or retainment.
- Average time frame from date of referral to filing of the report with the Court for the FY.

**Office and Lead(s):**

Office of the Medical Director – Lisa D. Gordish, PsyD, Director of Forensic Services,  
[Lisa.Gordish@mha.ohio.gov](mailto:Lisa.Gordish@mha.ohio.gov)

**Fund:** GRF & 3A90

**Appropriation Line Item (ALI):** 336422 (Criminal Justice Services/ Outpatient Restoration to Competency) and 336614 Mental Health Block Grant (MHBG)

**Program Name:** Outpatient Competency Restoration

**Purpose:**

This allocation was developed to provide, through a system of community-based providers, competency to stand trial restoration services. These services are required statewide by the provisions of R.C. 2945.38. The competency restoration services are for adults charged with criminal offenses, who have been found by the criminal court to be not competent to stand trial but restorable if provided with treatment, and who can be effectively and safely provided these services in the community.

**Eligibility:**

Providers were selected from either a Designated Forensic Evaluation Center that had previously provided outpatient competency restoration services or expressed an interest in providing such services, or another community-based provider of mental health service contracted with the primary ADAMHS Board serving the catchment area.

**Funding Period:**

7/1/25 – 6/30/26

**Prohibited Expenditures:**

These funds must be used for either the development or expansion of the outpatient competency restoration program including direct competency restoration and recovery services regarding the defendant's legal situation and court order. Either GRF or MHBG funds may be used for the follow-up competence to stand trial evaluation that must be conducted after a period of restoration, as governed by R.C. 2945.38. Although the funds may be used to serve people charged with any severity of criminal offense, priority should be given to those charged with nonviolent misdemeanors. The funds cannot be used for med-som treatment even if this is for the purpose of competency restoration. The funds also cannot be used for the initial competence to stand trial evaluation. See the MHBG Allocation guideline for additional prohibited expenditures for MHBG funds.

**Disbursement:**

A pass-through allocation will be distributed to ADAMHS Boards who agree to be the fiscal agent for each program. Automatic quarterly disbursement. A portion of the funds will held back and distributed in the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter after mid-year program and funding review.

**Amount:** TBD

**Reporting Requirements:**

Monthly data reports are required to be submitted from providers to Dr. Gordish at OhioMHAS. Details of these reports have been communicated directly to the program managers.

**Office and Lead(s) Contact Info:**

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**Fund:** 3A90 – CFDA: 93.958

**Appropriation Line Item (ALI):** 336614 Mental Health Block Grant (MHBG)

**Program Name:** Jail- Based Competency Restoration Pilot

**Purpose:**

This allocation was developed to fund a pilot program for Jail Based Competency Restoration. The competency restoration services are for adults charged with criminal offenses, who have been found by the criminal court to be not competent to stand trial but restorable if provided with treatment, and who can be effectively and safely provided these services in the jail-based setting.

**Eligibility:**

Hamilton County ADAMH Board was selected as a recipient of funding for a jail-based competency restoration pilot given their strong collaboration with the local correctional facility and forensic court services, their expressed interest in providing such services, and track record of proactive diversion processes.

**Funding Period:**

5/1/25– 6/30/26 (FY26)

**Prohibited Expenditures:**

These funds must be used for the development and direct service of the jail-based competency restoration pilot program including direct competency restoration and recovery services regarding the defendant's legal status and court order. The funding may be used for the follow-up competence to stand trial evaluation that must be conducted after a period of restoration, as governed by R.C. 2945.38. The funds may be used to serve people charged with any severity of criminal offense.

**Federal Block Grant funds may not be used to:** 1. Provide inpatient Hospital services; 2. Make cash payments to intended recipients of health services; 3. Purchase or improve land, purchase, construct, or permanently improve (other than minor remodeling) any building or other facility, or purchase major medical equipment; 4. Satisfy any requirement for the expenditure of non-Federal funds as a condition of the receipt of Federal funds; 5. Provide financial assistance to any entity other than a public or nonprofit entity; 6. Fund research (funds may be used for evaluation of programs and services); 7. Supplant activities funded by other SAMHSA Grants; and 8. Fund lobbying activities intended to influence the Ohio Legislature or Congress

**Disbursement:**

Automatic quarterly distributions will occur for FY26.

**Amount:** \$88,000 MHBG (Reference MHBG prohibited expenditures)

**Reporting Requirements:**

Quarterly data reports are required to be submitted from providers to Dr. Gordish at OhioMHAS. The report must include the following:

- Number of individuals served during the time frame
- Number of competency restoration sessions held
- Number of competency evaluations completed
- Percent of individuals found Competent to Stand Trial upon completion of the competency re-evaluation
- Quarterly budget narrative breaking down how the funds have been utilized

**Office and Lead(s) Contact Info:**

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**Fund – GRF**

**Appropriation Line Item:** 336422 Medication – Substance Use Disorder Treatment in Specialized Docket Programs

**Program Name:** Addiction Treatment Program - 4224P

**Purpose and Eligibility:**

These funds are allocated to ADAMH Boards that are currently providing the Addiction Treatment Program (ATP) in Certified Drug and/or Family Dependency Courts, which may include an offender under a community control sanction. The ATP funds shall be used to support substance use disorder treatment, including medication-assisted treatment and recovery supports for drug court specialized docket programs and to support the administrative expenses of courts and community addiction services providers participating in the program. The Behavioral Health Services providers are Certified by OhioMHAS to deliver an integrated service delivery model that consists of coordinated care between the MAT prescriber, Behavioral Health Care Provider, and the Courts. ATP participants will be provided access to long-acting antagonist therapies, partial antagonist therapies, or full antagonist therapies, that are included in the program's medication-assisted treatment and FDA approved. Certified Providers will also coordinate services and medications for withdrawal management or detoxification which may include Alpha-2 agonist therapy for withdrawal management or detoxification. ATP participants will be provided other types of therapies, including psychosocial therapies, for both substance abuse and co-occurring mental health disorders. ATP participants will be provided access to time-limited recovery supports that help eliminate barriers to treatment and are specific to the participant's needs, including assistance with housing, transportation, child care, job training, obtaining a driver's license or state identification card, or any other matter considered relevant by the provider. This, in turn, helps to reduce recidivism, increase public safety, and minimize harm to those who come in contact with law enforcement.

**Funding Period:**

7/1/2025-6/30/2026

**Amount:**

\$5,000,000

**Funding Distribution:**

Automatic quarterly distribution for Q1, Q2, Q3 with possible Q4 adjustments.

**Reporting Requirements:**

A Quarterly report on SFY 2026 will be due to the Ohio Department of Behavioral Health, Bureau of Criminal Justice Services, on or before October 31, 2025, January 31, 2026, April 30, 2026, and July 31, 2026. The report must include the following:

1. Total number of ATP clients in the docket at the beginning of SFY26
2. Number of new clients admitted to ATP each Quarter
3. Total number of ATP clients served by the docket each Quarter
4. Total unduplicated number of ATP clients served by the docket for the entire SFY26.
5. Amount of Allocated funds used during the reporting period for Treatment
6. Amount of Allocated funds used during the reporting period for Recovery Supports

**Office and Lead(s):**

Criminal Justice Services, Kathy Yokum – [Kathy.Yokum@mha.ohio.gov](mailto:Kathy.Yokum@mha.ohio.gov)

**Fund:** GRF 422C

**Appropriation Line Item:** 336422 Community Medication

**Program Name:** Community Medication (Behavioral Health Drug Program)

**Purpose:** Ohio Rev. Code § 5119.19 establishes the Behavioral Health Drug Program, which provides funding to counties for the cost of certain drugs dispensed to inmates of county jails and Community Based Correctional Facilities (CBCF) in Ohio. Ohio Rev. Code § 5119.19(B) requires the program be administered by the Ohio Department of Behavioral Health (DBH). \$7,750,000.00 has been allotted for each state fiscal year in the biennium (SFY 2026 and 2027) to fund the Behavioral Health Drug Program.

Ohio Rev. Code § 5119.19 defines psychotropic drug as including the following:

1. Drug approved by the United States Food and Drug Administration for use in medication-assisted treatment, regardless of the method the drug is administered or the form in which it is dispensed, including an oral drug, an injectable drug, or a long-acting or extended-release drug. Drugs used in medication-assisted treatment include all of the following:

- a) A full agonist;
- b) A partial agonist;
- c) An antagonist.

2. Drug approved by the United States Food and Drug Administration for use in, or a drug in standard use for, mitigating opioid or alcohol withdrawal symptoms or assisting with detoxification, regardless of the method the drug is administered or the form in which it is dispensed, including an oral drug, an injectable drug, or a long-acting or extended-release drug. Drugs used in withdrawal management or detoxification includes all of the following:

- a) A full agonist;
- b) A partial agonist;
- c) An antagonist.
- d) An alpha-2 adrenergic agonist.

3. Drug that has the capability of changing or controlling mental functioning or behavior through direct pharmacological action. "Psychotropic drug" includes all of the following:

- a) Antipsychotic medications, including those administered or dispensed in a long-acting injectable form;
- b) Antidepressant medications;
- c) Anti-anxiety medications;
- d) Mood stabilizing medications.

Stimulants prescribed for the treatment of attention deficit hyperactivity disorder are specifically excluded from the definition of psychotropic drug.

**Eligibility:** Full-Service County Jails and Community Based Correctional Facilities

**Funding Period:** 7/1/2025 through 6/30/2026

**Prohibited Expenditures:** Funds can only be used for the cost of psychotropic medications dispensed to inmates of county jails and Community Based Correctional Facilities in Ohio.

**Amount:** \$7,750,000

**Fund Distribution:** DBH will upload payment amounts for each jail in the Grants and Funding Management System. Once processed, the ADAMH Board will receive the funds. For jails and CBCFs that are in multiple ADAMH Board counties, the payment upload will be processed to the Board in the county where the jail is located.

**Reporting Requirements:** Requests for funding in SFY 2026 shall be submitted by the county sheriff's office for the following periods identified below. Failure to submit requests by the identified dates will result in the request being denied.

- July 1, 2025 – December 31, 2025 – submitted by February 15, 2026
- January 1, 2026 – June 30, 2026 – submitted by August 15, 2026

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Office of Criminal Justice and Correctional Recovery Services

**Fund: GRF 4224E**  
**Appropriation Line Item: 336425 Specialized Docket Support**  
**Program Name: Specialized Dockets and Courts**

**Purpose:** These allocations assist drug courts and other specialized dockets with funding to effectively manage offenders with substance use disorders in the community; thereby reducing commitments to the state prison system. These funds are also used to serve parents charged with abuse/neglect/dependency of their minor children; thereby ending the parents' cycle of addiction, reducing the need for out-of-home placement for children determined by child protective service agencies to be abused, neglected or dependent, shortening the length of out-of-home placements, improving parenting skills, and increasing the number of children who can be reunited with their parents.

**Eligibility:** These funds are allocated to ADAMH Boards that currently have certified specialized dockets having previously received allocation awards from DBH.

**Funding Period:** 7/1/2025 through 6/30/2026

**Prohibited Expenditures:** Expenditures are limited to those listed on the "Specialized Dockets Project – Allowable Expenses" document which can be found at:  
<https://mha.ohio.gov/community-partners/criminal-justice/documents/specialized-dockets-project-allowable-expenses>

**Amount:** \$11,169,000

**Fund Distribution:** One-time allocation distribution made in the first quarter of the state fiscal year. Because these funds are largely used to pay for salaries/fringe benefits of specialized dockets staff, please forward the payment to each respective court in one lump sum in the first quarter of SFY 2026.

The courts receiving these funds must have achieved certification from the Supreme Court of Ohio and submitted the required documentation to the Department before their allocations will be forwarded to their respective Boards. Courts that have multiple specialized dockets must submit documentation of certification for each docket before their allocations will be forwarded to their Boards.

**Reporting Requirements:** A mid-year and year-end survey for SFY 2026 will be sent to the awarded specialized dockets by the Department of Behavioral Health, Bureau of Criminal Justice Services, on or before January 10, 2026, and on or before July 1, 2026. The mid-year survey report is due by January 31, 2026. The year-end survey report is due by July 31, 2026. The survey captures expenditure data as well as the following:

- Total number of clients carried over in the specialized docket from the previous reporting period
- Number of clients admitted
- Number of clients successful completing the docket
- Number of clients maintained in the program
- Number of clients arrested for a new offense
- Number of clients admitted to DRC/DYS
- Number of children reunified with parents (family drug courts only)

**Office and Lead(s) Contact Information:** Criminal Justice Services, Elizabeth Wright –  
[Elizabeth.Wright@mha.ohio.gov](mailto:Elizabeth.Wright@mha.ohio.gov)

**Fund Code:** 5JL0

**Appropriation Line Item:** 336629 Problem Gambling

**Program Name:** Problem Gambling

**Purpose:**

The purpose of this allocation is to fund Problem Gambling prevention, screening, treatment, and recovery services for all Ohioans and specifically for those individuals experiencing gambling disorders, and/or other co-occurring substance use disorders or mental health disorders and client's family members, including individuals who may be "at risk" for developing gambling disorders. These funds are to be utilized consistent with the language in the Ohio Constitution Article 15 Section 06.

Allocations from the Problem Gambling and Addictions Fund will be distributed quarterly to ADAMH Boards. The funds are expected to be used in the community with 50 percent directed toward problem gambling prevention and 50 percent for identification and treatment of gambling disorder and/or other co-occurring substance use disorders or mental disorders. Analysis of the Ohio Gambling Survey 2022 indicated the need for prevention of problem gambling, awareness building, and screening and treatment of Ohioans with gambling disorder-- including a high co-occurrence between at-risk/problem gambling with substance use disorder and/or depression/anxiety.

A Board may request a waiver from the Department to use the Problem Gambling and Addictions Fund dollars in different percentages (waiver requests should be emailed to [milan.karna@mha.ohio.gov](mailto:milan.karna@mha.ohio.gov)). Please note that gambling disorder screening and treatment services for any Ohioan who presents at a certified addiction or mental health treatment provider must be covered by the Problem Gambling and Addictions Fund dollars if there is no other payer source. This applies to Gambling Disorder as a primary, secondary, or tertiary diagnosis and to family members of a person affected.

To ensure that Ohioans and their families who need Problem Gambling services have access to those services at no cost, OhioMHAS maintains a Treatment Shortfall Fund that is available on a limited basis to any county that has used its Gambling Treatment funding to treat clients with Gambling Disorder and/or their family members. There is an application for this funding that requires details of the number of clients served; average cost per client; average number of sessions per client. The Treatment Shortfall Fund Request form may be requested from the staff members listed below.

To assist Boards in planning for services, resources are posted on the OhioMHAS website: <https://mha.ohio.gov/get-help/get-help-now/problem-gambling-resources>. Pursuant to ORC 5119.47, all treatment and prevention services supported by the Problem Gambling and Addictions Fund shall be provided by OhioMHAS-certified programs.

**Amount:**

\$3,788,863 (\$1,894,432 – Prevention / \$1,894,431 – Treatment)

**Distribution:**

Automatic quarterly distribution

**Reporting Requirements:**

Each Board is required to file a mid-year (due 1/31/26) and annual (due 7/31/26) report describing the use of the problem gambling funds. Data related to Prevention Services must be entered online

into the MHAS Grant and Funding Management System (GFMS). Problem Gambling Treatment client reporting will be provided through an MS Forms link at least 30 days prior to the due date.

The Department reserves the right to modify these allocations based on changes in Department funding due to revenue fluctuation in gambling receipts or other similar circumstances.

**Office and Lead(s):**

Problem Gambling Services

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## STATUTORILY REQUIRED REPORTING DATES

Required Report	Due Date	Comments
<b><i>FIS 040s (aka Board Level Reports)</i></b>		
FIS 040-Budgets (for SFY 2026)	<b>TBD</b>	Paused until further notice
FIS 040-Actuals (for SFY 2025)	<b>1/31/2025</b>	
Statewide Entity Inventory Report (SEI)	<b>1/31/2025</b>	Required for SUPTRS Block Grant
90% Capacity SUD Treatment Report	<b>Quarterly</b>	Required for SUPTRS Block Grant
Tuberculosis MOE	<b>7/31/25</b>	SUPTRS Requirement
FINAL COVID Mitigation Allocation Report	<b>12/1/25</b>	All unused/unreported funds must be returned to the Department
Other Programmatic Reports	<b>TBD</b>	Consult with Project Lead