



## **Bipartisan Safer Community Project Initiatives Request for Interest RFI #54**

Request for information issued Monday April 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2024.

**Submit e-mail of interest to:** [BipartisanSaferCommunityActRFI@mha.ohio.gov](mailto:BipartisanSaferCommunityActRFI@mha.ohio.gov)  
**by Wednesday May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024, at 3:00 p.m.**

**I. Funding Opportunity:** OhioMHAS is seeking requests for interest from Alcohol Drug Abuse Mental Health Services (ADAMHS) Boards, interested in participating in recommended program activities funded through SAMHSA and the Bipartisan Safer Communities Act.

The Bipartisan Safer Community Act (BSCA) provides states funding opportunities to address behavioral health system preparedness to address and enhance states and community emergency preparedness and response that will offset the traumatic experiences and lingering consequences of tragedies that may happen within our Ohio communities, such as natural disasters, mass shootings, and other large-scale man-made, terrorist or other violent events. This programming ensures that behavioral health providers and professionals have a coordinated rapid response plan by establishing the necessary statewide and local partnerships, policies, procedures, and protocols that create the systemic changes necessary to immediately deploy the essential behavioral health supports and resources in the aftermath of such tragedies.

**II. Funding period April 1, 2024, to October 16, 2024.** Future funding may be possible as determined available and approved by OhioMHAS.

**Narrative:** This opportunity will provide \$25,000 per single board. Boards engaged in a collaborative effort with other Boards may apply for up to \$40,000. Possible activities to be funded include the following. Interested applicants would need to identify existing initiatives and future initiatives in which they are interested:

- 1.** Develop new or enhance existing board mental health emergency preparedness and response plans to include focus on behavioral health response to violence, schools and mass shootings events. To be updated annually.
- 2.** Describe collaborations between behavioral health, law enforcement, justice systems, local agencies, and public health to ensure that the identified crisis and emergency services are integrated and sustainable.
- 3.** Develop new or enhance existing behavioral health emergency preparedness teams as a point of contact for guidance and direction related to

any anticipated or unanticipated mental health crisis or violent event including mass shootings

**4.** Develop or describe board area multidisciplinary mobile crisis team(s) that can be deployed rapidly, 24/7, to local emergency or assist other area during an emergency/crisis and in violent events including shootings acts of mass violence.

**5.** Provide behavioral health crisis response trainings (for e.g., therapeutic crisis intervention and de-escalation) to agencies and providers identified in the board area or statewide plan.

**6.** Develop and provide culturally and linguistically tailored messaging about behavioral health to provide in a crisis/mental health emergency event and identify appropriate culturally/linguistically supports for diverse populations. Ensure that registries include information about the availability of culturally/linguistically accessible services.

**7.** Develop and describe relationships with Lifeline 988, statewide call centers, peer recovery organizations, faith-based organizations, warmlines, telehealth and provider mutual aid agreements and disseminate information.

**8.** Build and or describe collaborations with schools, child welfare organizations, juvenile justice authorities, and children's behavioral health services to address violence and traumatic crisis event. Develop multidisciplinary youth-serving state/regional advisory groups to provide input on infrastructure and policy development.

**9.** Develop and provide specific, research **and** evidence-based assessment of services for those affected by mental health emergency/crisis-related trauma, including mass shootings/school violence.

### **III Questions, technical Assistance, and Updates:**

A. A technical assistance call will be held on Friday April 26th, 10:00a -11:00a and will be provided as a Teams invite or call-in number.

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**IV E-mail of Interest in receiving funding. Please include:**

- Organization Name
- Organization address
- Contact information for Director or designee
- Amount of funding being requested
- Organization background
- Statement of need including goals and objectives which should include a  
**Please include a minimum of 3 to 4 BSCA recommended activities.**

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