

Behavioral Health Pilot Project – Award Announcements
August 2020

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On February 7, 2020, the Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) released a Request for Application (RFA) for the Behavioral Health Pilot Project (BHPP). The BHPP supports behavioral health counselors in general acute care hospitals who are either licensed mental health professionals or substance use disorder (SUD) counselors, to build capacity for improved treatment of SUD and mental health disorders in the emergency department.

The Budget Act of 2019 appropriated \$20,000,000 for the BHPP and allowed for general acute care hospitals to apply to receive up to \$50,000 in funding for behavioral health counselors within their emergency departments. The Budget Act of 2020 re-appropriated the \$20,000,000 funding for applicants to receive up to \$100,000 per hospital.

DHCS is awarding 212 applicant hospitals to receive their requested amount for up to \$100,000 each. Awarded organizations are referenced in **Attachment I**.

DHCS is releasing a Supplemental Funding Application (**Attachment II**) for initial BHPP applicants, who did not apply for the full \$100,000 amount available, to apply for supplemental funding to reach the \$100,000 funding limit. This supplemental funding opportunity will not be available to new applicant hospitals and is only available to entities that have already applied through the initial BHPP RFA. Supplemental funding applications should be submitted to Monica.Zendejas@dhcs.ca.gov no later than **September 1, 2020**.

DHCS will soon contact each individual organization regarding payment of your award and next steps.

Please contact Monica Zendejas with any questions via email at Monica.Zendejas@dhcs.ca.gov.