

Bipartisan Safer Communities Act (October 22 - October 25)

Mental Health Block Grant

Grant Number: B09SM087320

Grant Summary

In accordance with the Bipartisan Safer Communities Act, the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration released supplemental funding to enable states to strengthen and enhance mental health emergency preparedness and crisis response efforts.

Funding

One-time funding in the amount of \$131,592 per year beginning October 17, 2022 through October 16, 2025.

Target Population

Target populations include (1) adults with SMI, (2) children with SED, (3) individuals with early serious mental illness, and (4) individuals in need of crisis care services.



Grant Activities

This funding will allow South Dakota to pilot mobile crisis response strategies adapted for rural and frontier settings by building capacity for dedicated, trained Crisis Care Case Managers employed by Community Mental Health Centers in our most vulnerable rural regions.

These Case Managers will solidify relationships with local and regional response partners, including EMS, law enforcement, Emergency Departments, Critical Access Hospitals, Public Safety Answering Points, and the 988 Call Center.

This approach will build upon existing telehealth infrastructure available through EMS, emerging workforce capacity through Community Health Workers and Community Health Representatives in tribal areas, and the 988 Call Center, acting as a connection agent among all parties to strengthen relationships and develop protocols ready to deploy in behavioral health crisis situations.

Crisis Response Case Managers will also provide rural outreach and support directly to individuals who had contacted the partner entities because of a behavioral health crisis, providing care when a receiving center level of support is not needed.



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