



APPROPRIATIONS RECOMMENDATIONS

FOR FISCAL YEAR 2021

The Mental Health Liaison Group (MHLG) is a coalition of national organizations representing consumers, family members, mental health and addiction providers, advocates, payers and other stakeholders committed to strengthening Americans' access to mental health and addiction care. As trusted leaders in the field, our 70+ member organizations are dedicated to elevating the national conversation around mental health and addiction. What follows is a broad array of appropriations recommendations for mental health and addiction policies and programs, a majority of which are supported by the majority of the Mental Health Liaison Group full voting members.

Together, we work to advance federal policies that support prevention, early intervention, treatment and recovery services and supports.

ENDORISING ORGANIZATIONS

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*American Art Therapy Association
American Association for Geriatric Psychiatry
American Association for Marriage and Family Therapy
American Association for Psychoanalysis in Clinical Social Work
American Association of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry
American Association of Suicidology
American Counseling Association
American Dance Therapy Association
American Foundation for Suicide Prevention
American Mental Health Counselors Association
American Nurses Association
American Occupational Therapy Association
American Psychiatric Association
American Psychoanalytic Association
American Psychological Association
Anxiety and Depression Association of America
Centerstone*
Clinical Social Work Association
College of Psychiatric and Neurologic Pharmacists (CPNP)
Depression and Bipolar Support Alliance
Eating Disorders Coalition
Global Alliance for Behavioral Health and Social Justice
International Certification and Reciprocity Consortium (IC&RC)
International OCD Foundation
The Jewish Federations of North America
The Kennedy Forum
National Alliance on Mental Illness
National Alliance to Advance Adolescent Health
National Association for Children's Behavioral Health
National Association for Rural Mental Health
National Association of County Behavioral Health and Developmental Disability Directors
National Association of School Psychologists
National Association of Social Workers
National Association of State Alcohol & Drug Abuse Directors
National Association of State Mental Health Program Directors
National Board for Certified Counselors
National Council for Behavioral Health
National Disability Rights Network
National Eating Disorders Association
National Federation of Families for Children's Mental Health
National Health Care for the Homeless Council*
National League for Nursing
National Register of Health Service Psychologists
Sandy Hook Promise
School Social Work Association of America
SMART Recovery
Treatment Communities of America
The Trevor Project*

**Denotes Affiliate Membership*

SUBSTANCE ABUSE AND MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES ADMINISTRATION (SAMHSA)

(Dollars in millions)

Community Mental Health Services Block Grant (MHBG)

FY 2020 Enacted	FY 2021 MHLG Request
\$722.571	\$757.571 (+\$35.0 vs FY20)
The MHBG awards funding to states to supplement existing mental health services and/or to fund new activities. Services supported by the MHBG include outpatient treatment for serious mental illnesses, such as schizophrenia and bipolar disorders; supported employment and supported housing; rehabilitation services; crisis stabilization and case management; peer specialist and consumer-directed services; wraparound services for children and families; jail diversion programs; and services for at-risk populations. The additional \$35 million sought by MHLG would fund a Mental Health Block Grant 5 percent set-aside to fund state implementation of the components of the Crisis Now model of crisis services.	

Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment Block Grant (SAPT)

FY 2020 Enacted	FY 2021 MHLG Request
\$1,858.079	\$2,358.079 (+\$500.0 vs FY20)
The SAPT block grant distributes funds to eligible states and territories to plan, carry out, and evaluate substance abuse prevention, treatment, and recovery support services for individuals, families, and communities impacted by substance abuse. In 2015, SAPT accounted for approximately 32 percent of total state substance abuse agency funding and 23 percent of total state substance abuse prevention and public health funding. Outcome measures from the most recent year for which data is available show that the SAPT has been successful in expanding treatment capacity by supporting approximately two million admissions to treatment programs receiving public funding.	

Promoting Integration of Primary and Behavioral Health Care (PIPBHC) and National Center of Excellence for Integrated Health Solutions

Program Title	FY 2020 Enacted	FY 2021 MHLG Request
PIPBHC Grants	\$49.877	\$49.877
PIPBHC TA Center	\$1.991	\$2.491 (+\$0.500 vs FY20)
PIPBHC provides states the opportunity to support community behavioral health and primary care organizations in partnering to provide essential primary care services to adults with serious mental illness. Because of this program, more than 100,000 people with serious mental health and addiction disorders have been screened and treated for diabetes, heart disease and other common and deadly illnesses at over 210 grantee sites in 40 states to help stem the alarming early death rate from these health conditions in this population. The MHLG request an additional \$500,000 for the PIPBHC TA Center to fund new technical assistance training and resources.		

National Suicide Prevention Lifeline

FY 2020 Enacted	FY 2021 MHLG Request
\$19.0	\$50.0 (+\$31.0 vs FY20)
The National Suicide Prevention Lifeline provides 24/7, free and confidential support for people in distress, prevention and crisis resources, and best practices for professionals. Increased funding would empower Lifeline to bolster funding to Call Centers nationwide, fortify national back-up call centers, increase chat capabilities, and increase infrastructure and administration of Lifeline services.	

Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinics (CCBHC) Expansion Grants

FY 2020 Enacted	FY 2021 MHLG Request
\$200.0	\$250.0 (+\$50.0 vs FY20)
The Excellence in Mental Health and Addiction Treatment Act created an eight state Medicaid demonstration designed to provide intensive community-based mental health and addiction treatment services to low income persons through Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinics (CCBHCs). In FY2020, Congress appropriated \$200 million in CCBHC expansion grants, designed to further the reach of these effective and efficient organizations. These grants provide organizations opportunity to dramatically expand access to comprehensive and evidence-based mental health and addiction care by attesting to and offering the required array of services. These grants, for the first time, are eligible to clinics across all fifty states in the country.	

Strategic Prevention Framework (SPF) Grants

FY 2020 Enacted	FY 2021 MHLG Request
\$119.484	\$119.484
SPF funding supports the Partnerships for Success Program and SPF Rx Program, which strengthen data-driven substance abuse prevention efforts that address underage drinking and prescription drug misuse among youth and young adults. Data show that states and communities receiving SPF funding have made improvements in reducing the impact of substance abuse in target areas, especially populations disproportionately impacted by the consequences of substance use.	

Protection and Advocacy for Individuals with Mental Illness (PAIMI)

FY 2020 Enacted	FY 2021 MHLG Request
\$36.146	\$40.0 (+3.854 vs FY20)
Protection and Advocacy agencies investigate abuse and neglect and rights violations in all public and private facilities and community settings, including hospitals, nursing facilities and group homes – and oversee the effectiveness of state agencies that license and regulate these programs. PAIMI program staff help ensure that people with mental illness have access to education, housing, employment, health care, and other necessary supports and services in the community so they can remain in their communities and be economically self-sufficient.	

HEALTH RESOURCES AND SERVICES ADMINISTRATION (HRSA)

(Dollars in millions)

Behavioral Health Workforce Education and Training (BHWET) Program

FY 2020 Enacted	FY 2021 MHLG Request
\$102.0	\$112.0 (+\$10.0 vs FY20)
BHWET expands mental and behavioral health services for underserved populations by supporting pre-degree clinical internships and field placements for doctoral-level psychology students, master's-level social workers, school social workers, professional and school counselors, psychiatric-mental health nurse practitioners, occupational therapists, behavioral pediatrics, peer support specialists, training programs in psychiatry, substance use disorder prevention, and marriage and family therapists.	

Mental and Behavioral Health Programs

FY 2020 Enacted	FY 2021 MHLG Request
\$36.916	\$41.916 (+\$5.0 vs FY20)
Programs funded through HRSA's Mental and Behavioral Health account include the Graduate Psychology Education (GPE) Program, which provides grants to accredited psychology doctoral, internship and postdoctoral training programs to support the interprofessional training of psychology graduate students while also providing mental and behavioral health services to underserved populations. MHLG request an additional \$5.0 million for GPE funds that may be used to support student, intern and postdoctoral stipends, curriculum development, model demonstration programs, faculty supervision and technical assistance.	

Loan Repayment Program for Substance Use Disorder (SUD) Treatment Workforce

FY 2020 Enacted	FY 2021 MHLG Request
\$12.0	\$25.0 (+\$13.0 vs FY20)
Authorized in the SUPPORT Act of 2018, this program would expand the substance abuse treatment workforce by providing loan repayment for eligible mental and behavioral health professionals working full-time in high-need communities or federally designated mental health professional shortage areas. Funding for this loan repayment program would help reduce this significant treatment gap by expanding the supply of qualified mental and behavioral health providers trained to deliver evidence-based SUD treatment services.	

Mental and Substance Use Disorder Workforce Training Demonstration Program

FY 2020 Enacted	FY 2021 MHLG Request
\$26.7	\$30.0 (+3.3 vs FY20)
Authorized in the 21 st Century CURES Act, this program would award grants to institutions such as medical schools and Federally qualified health centers to support training for medical residents and fellows in psychiatry and addiction medicine, as well as nurse practitioners, physician assistants and others who are willing to provide substance use disorder treatment in underserved communities.	

NATIONAL INSTITUTES OF HEALTH (NIH)

(Dollars in millions)

National Institutes of Health: Mental Health and Substance Abuse Research

FY 2020 Enacted	FY 2021 MHLG Request
\$41,684.0	\$44,684.0 (+\$3,000.0 vs FY20)
Scientific advances have led to astounding discoveries about the mental health and substance use disorders. Continued investments in research will aid in developing rapid, effective treatments for behavioral health disorders and facilitate early identification and intervention. Given that mental health and substance use conditions frequently co-occur, MHLG requests that the above increase be distributed evenly among all NIH Institutes, including those of highest priority to the MHLG: National Institute of Mental Health (NIMH); National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA); and National Institute on Alcohol Abuse (NIAAA). The requested increase is equal to the cost of biomedical research inflation and will help to ensure that NIH-funded research can continue to improve our nation's health.	

FY2021 APPROPRIATIONS RECOMMENDATIONS

(Dollars in millions)

Program	FY20 Enacted	FY21 President Request	FY21 MHLG Request
SAMHSA Center for Mental Health Services (CMHS)			
Community Mental Health Services Block Grant	\$722.571	\$757.571 (+\$35.0 vs FY20)	\$757.571 (+\$35.0 vs FY20)
Children's Mental Health Services	\$125.0	\$125.0 (level to FY20)	\$125.0 (level to FY20)
PATH Homelessness Program	\$64.635	\$64.635 (level to FY20)	\$71.035 (+\$6.4 to FY20)
Protection and Advocacy (PAIMI)	\$36.146	\$14.0 (-\$22.146 vs FY20)	\$40.0 (+\$3.854 vs FY20)
Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinics (CCBHCs) Expansion Grants	\$200.0	\$225.0 (+\$25.0 vs FY20)	\$250.0 (+\$50.0 vs FY20)
CMHS Programs of Regional and National Significance	\$460.774	\$510.0 (+\$49.226 vs FY20)	\$510.0 (level to POTUS Request)
Project Aware State Grants	\$102.001	\$103.001 (+\$1.0 vs FY20)	103.001 (+\$1.0 vs FY20)
Mental Health First Aid	\$22.963	\$22.963 (level vs FY20)	\$25.963 (+\$3.0 vs FY20)
National Child Traumatic Stress	\$68.887	\$68.887 (level vs FY20)	\$68.887 (level to FY20)
Children and Family Programs	\$7.229	\$7.229 (level vs FY20)	\$7.229 (level to FY20)
Consumer and Family Network Grants	\$4.954	\$4.954 (level vs FY20)	\$4.954 (level to FY20)
Project LAUNCH	\$23.605	\$23.605 (level vs FY20)	\$34.489 (+\$10.884 vs FY20)
Promoting Integration of Primary and Behavioral Health Care (PIPBHC) Grants	\$49.877	--- (-\$49.877 vs FY20)	\$49.877 (level to FY20)
PIPBHC- National Center of Excellence for Integrated Health Solutions	\$1.991	--- (-\$1.991 vs FY20)	\$2.491 (+\$0.500 vs FY20)
National Suicide Prevention Lifeline	\$19.0	\$19.0 (level to FY20)	\$50.0 (+\$31.0 vs FY20)
Garrett Lee Smith (GLS) State/Tribal Youth Suicide Prevention Grants	\$35.427	\$35.427 (level to FY20)	\$35.427 (level to FY20)
GLS Campus Suicide Prevention Grants	\$6.488	\$6.488 (level to FY20)	\$6.488 (level to FY20)
GLS American Indian and Alaskan Native Suicide Prevention Initiative	\$2.931	\$2.931 (level to FY20)	\$2.931 (level to FY20)
National Strategy for Suicide Prevention Grants	\$18.200	\$21.200 (+\$3.0 FY20)	\$21.200 (+\$3.0 FY20)
Homelessness Prevention	\$30.696	\$30.696 (level to FY20)	\$30.696 (level to FY20)
Criminal and Juvenile Justice Programs	\$6.269	\$9.269 (+\$3.0 vs FY20)	\$9.269 (+\$3.0 vs FY20)
Assertive Community Treatment	\$7.0	\$25.0 (+\$18.0 vs FY20)	\$25.0 (+\$18.0 vs FY20)
Infant and Early Childhood Mental Health Promotion, Intervention and Treatment	\$7.0	\$7.0 (level to FY20)	\$7.0 (level to FY20)
Consumer and Consumer Supporter Technical Assistance Centers (<i>Science and Service</i>)	\$1.918	\$1.918 (level to FY20)	\$1.918 (level to FY20)
Practice Improvement and Training Programs (<i>Science and Service</i>)	\$7.828	\$7.828 (level to FY20)	\$7.828 (level to FY20)
GLS Suicide Prevention Resource Center (SPRC) (<i>Science and Service</i>)	\$7.988	\$7.988 (level to FY20)	\$8.988 (+\$1.0 vs FY20)
SAMHSA Center for Substance Abuse Prevention (CSAP)			
CSAP Programs of Regional and National Significance	\$206.469	\$97.0 (-\$109.0 vs FY20)	\$206.469 (level to FY20)
Strategic Prevention Framework (SPF) Grants	\$119.484	\$10.0 (-\$109.484 vs FY20)	\$119.484 (level to FY20)

SPF Grants for Prescription Drugs (SPF Rx Program)	\$10.0	\$10.0 (level to FY20)	\$10.0 (level to FY20)
Sober Truth on Preventing Underage Drinking	\$9.0	\$9.0 (level to FY20)	\$9.0 (level to FY20)
Minority AIDS Initiative	\$41.205	\$41.205 (level to FY20)	\$41.205 (level to FY20)
SAMHSA Center for Substance Abuse Treatment (CSAT)			
Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment Block Grant	\$1,858.079	\$1,858.079 (level to FY20)	\$2,358.079 (+\$500.0 vs FY20)
State Targeted Response to the Opioid Crisis	\$1,500.0	\$1,585.0 (+\$85.0 vs FY20)	\$1,585.0 (+\$85.0 level to POTUS request)
CSAT Programs of Regional and National Significance	\$479.677	\$364.677 (-\$115.0 vs FY20)	\$479.677 (level to FY20)
<i>The Mental Health Liaison Group requests level funding to all Programs of Regional and National Significance under the SAMHSA Center for Substance Abuse Treatment (CSAT). These programs are vital to the intervention, treatment and recovery supports necessary for Americans living with addiction. We ask that you continue supporting such line items with level funding in FY 2021.</i>			
SAMSHA Health Surveillance and Program Support, Agency-Wide Initiatives			
Minority Fellowship Program	\$14.200	\$14.200 (+\$1.0 vs FY20)	\$15.700 (+\$1.5 vs FY20)
Behavioral Health Workforce Data and Development	\$1.0	\$1.0 (level to FY20)	\$1.0 (level to FY20)
Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA)			
Pediatric Subspecialty Loan Repayment	---	---	\$50.0 (+\$50.0 to FY20)
Mental and Behavioral Health	\$36.916	\$36.916 (level to FY20)	\$41.916 (+\$5.0 vs FY20)
Graduate Psychology Education (GPE) Program	\$18.0	\$18.0 (level to FY20)	\$23.0 (+\$5.0 vs FY20)
Behavioral Health Workforce Education and Training (BHWET) Program	\$102.0	\$102.0 (level to FY20)	\$112.0 (+\$10.0 vs FY20)
Increasing Access to Pediatric Mental Health Care	\$10.0	\$10.0 (level to FY20)	\$10.0 (level to FY20)
Screening and Treatment for Maternal Depression	\$5.0	\$5.0 (level to FY20)	\$5.0 (level to FY20)
Loan Repayment Program for Substance Use Disorder Treatment Workforce	\$12.0	\$12.0 (level to FY20)	\$25.0 (+\$13.0 to FY20)
Mental and Substance Use Disorder Workforce Training Demonstration Program	\$26.7	\$29.5 (+\$2.8 vs FY20)	\$30.0 (+\$3.3 vs FY20)
Public Health and Preventive Medicine	\$17.0	--- (-\$17.0 vs FY20)	\$24.0 (+\$7.0 vs FY20)
National Institutes of Health (NIH)			
National Institutes of Health	\$41,684.0	\$38,700.0 (-\$2,984 vs FY20)	\$44,684.0 (+\$3,000.0 vs FY20)
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Additional Line Item Requests			
Agency: Program Title	FY20 Enacted		FY21 MHLG Request
Centers for Disease Control and Prevention: Firearm Injury and Mortality Prevention Research	\$12.5		\$25.0 (+\$12.5 vs FY20)
Centers for Disease Control and Prevention: Suicide Prevention Activities	\$10.0		\$15.0 (+\$5.0 vs. FY20)
Department of Education: Student Support and Academic Enrichment (SSAE) Grant Program	\$1,210.0		\$1,600.0 (+\$390.0 vs FY20)
Department of Justice: Criminal Justice and Mental Health Collaboration Grants (New Program)	---		\$10.0 (+\$10.0 vs FY20)
Department of Justice: STOP School Violence Act	\$125.0		\$125.0 (level to FY20)
Department of Labor: Mental Health and Substance Use Disorder Parity Compliance	---		\$15.0 (+\$15.0 vs FY20)