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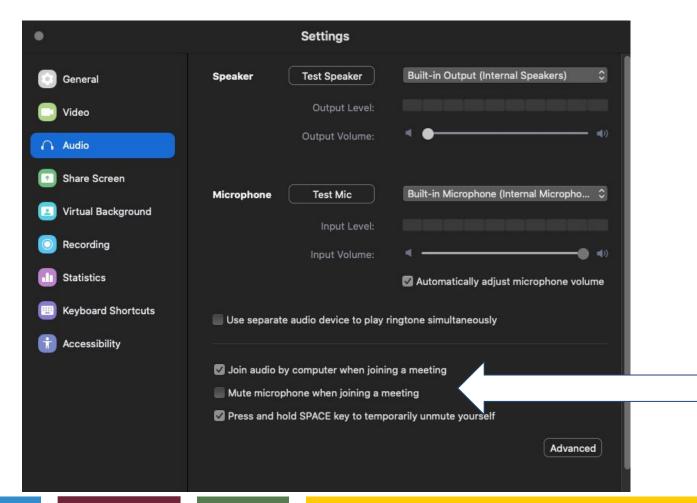


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American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA)

Public Law 117-2

SAMHSA Block Grants to Address Addiction,

Mental Health Crisis

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Agenda

- 1. Overview of ARPA
- 2. Overview of Block Grants
- 3. Overview of SAMHSA Guidelines
- 4. Timeline
- 5. Open Discussion



American Rescue Plan Act of 2021





Definitions and Acronyms

AHCCCS: Arizona Health Care Cost Containment System (Arizona's

Medicaid)

ARPA: American Rescue Plan Act

SAMHSA: Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services

Administration

MHBG: Mental Health Block Grant

SABG: Substance Abuse Block Grant

NTXIX: Non-Title 19 individuals are those that have been

determined to be ineligible for Medicaid



American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 - Block Grant Funding



SAMHSA Block Grants to Address Addiction, Mental Health Crisis

Public Law 117-2, The American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARPA), directed SAMHSA to provide additional funds to support states through Block Grants to address the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic for Americans with mental illness and substance use disorders.

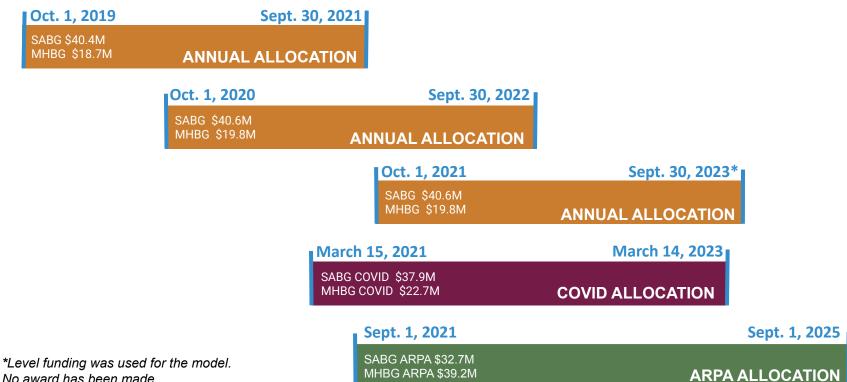
States have from September 1, 2021 to September 30, 2025 to expend the funds.

Block Grants Overview

- Block grants are awarded for 2 years on an annual basis
- SAMHSA block grants are noncompetitive grants that provide funding for substance use and mental health services
- Block grants are focused on the support of those that are uninsured, underinsured, or NTXIX
- Funding allocated through RBHAs and TRBHAs due to specific eligibility parameters and current contract structure



SAMHSA Block Grant Funding



No award has been made.

Minimum Qualifications

MHBG

- Person must be uninsured, underinsured, or NTXIX
- Funds are to be used solely for services for adults with a SMI designation or a child with a SED designation

SABG

- Client must be uninsured, underinsured, or NTXIX
- Client must indicate active substance use in the past 12 months
- Exception of services available to NTXIX clients (i.e. acupuncture, traditional healing)



Mental Health Block Grant (MHBG)



- Partnership development throughout the continuum of care
- Comprehensive 24/7 crisis continuum for children
- Increased outpatient access, including same day or next day appointments
- Improve information technology infrastructure
- Adoption and use of health information technology
- Digital platform consideration
- Advanced telehealth opportunities to advance crisis services for hard to reach locations



- Implementation of an electronic bed registry
- Support for crisis and school-based services the promote access to care for children with SED
- Development of medication-assisted treatment (MAT)
 protocols to assist children and adults who are in crisis
- Expand Assisted Outpatient Treatment (AOT) services
- Develop outpatient intensive Crisis Stabilization Teams to avert and address crisis
- Technical assistance for the development of Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinics (CCBHC).



Substance Abuse Block Grant (SABG)



- Develop and expand the use of FDA-approved medications and digital therapeutics as a part of addition treatment
- Provide increased access, including same-day or next-day appointments, and low barrier approaches, for those in need of Substance Use Disorder (SUD) treatment
- Direct critical resources in expanding broad-based state and local community strategies and approaches in addressing the drug overdose epidemic



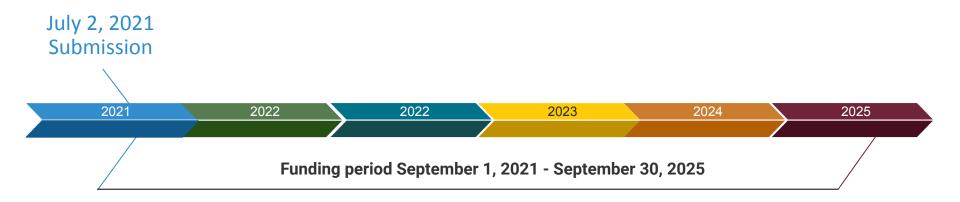
- Improve information technology infrastructure
- The adoption and use of health information technology to improve access to and coordination of SUD prevention, intervention, treatment, and recovery support services
- Advance telehealth opportunities to expand services for hard-to-reach locations
- Enhance primary prevention infrastructure within the state and communities using the Strategic Prevention Framework planning model



- Consider incorporating strategies around adverse childhood experiences to improve substance misuse outcomes among all populations
- Support expansion of peer-based recovery support services to ensure a recovery orientation which expands support networks and recovery services



Block Grant ARPA Timeline





For Discussion

What do you think we should focus efforts on?

Context for feedback:

- Details of the suggestion
- Ease of implementation
- Impact on our members



DISCUSSION



Questions?



Thank You.

