



Montana Healthcare Programs Provider Notice

February 5, 2024

Developmental Disabilities Program, Mental Health Center, Psychiatric Residential Treatment Facility, Therapeutic Group Home, Severe Disabling Mental Illness, and Chemical Dependency Providers

BHDD Awarding Grant Funds to Increase Residential Bed Capacity in Montana

On May 22, 2023, Governor Gianforte signed House Bill 872, which established a commission charged with developing a Behavioral Health System for Future Generations (BHSFG) and providing comprehensive systems improvement recommendations. The BHSFG Commission agreed that several opportunities for immediate reform exist and appropriately align with its overarching BHSFG priorities.

One of the initiatives aims to increase the residential bed capacity of certain behavioral health and/or developmental disability provider organizations. This is to ensure that more Montanans can be served in clinically appropriate settings closer to home. BHDD will complete this by providing one-time grants to community providers offering behavioral healthcare or developmental disability services. Grants may be used to help purchase or construct new facilities, upgrade, and maintain existing facilities, and hire and train staff to increase bed capacity. Governor Gianforte approved up to 10 million dollars to be made available to providers to support this initiative.

Eligibility

Providers are eligible to apply for grant funds to support **any** of the following:

1. Repair an existing setting
2. Upgrade an existing setting
3. Reopen a closed setting
4. Open a new or expand an existing setting
5. Purchase or build a new setting

Eligible residential settings include:

Eligible Setting	Eligible Provider Type
Psychiatric Residential Treatment Facilities	PRTF
Therapeutic Group Homes	TGH
DDP Supported and Congregate Living	DDP
Adult Foster	DDP, Mental Health Center, and SDMI
Assisted Living Facilities	DDP and SDMI
State Plan Behavioral Health Group Homes	Mental Health Center
SDMI Waiver Mental Health Group Homes	SDMI
SDMI Waiver Intensive Mental Health Group Homes	SDMI
SDMI Waiver Adult Group Home	SDMI
ASAM 3.1 Clinically Managed Low Intensity Residential	Chemical Dependency
ASAM 3.3 Clinically Managed High Intensity Population-Specific Residential	Chemical Dependency
ASAM 3.5 Clinically Managed High Intensity Residential	Chemical Dependency

Providers must commit to **all** of the following:

1. Proposed projects will be planned for completion within 18 months of the grant award.
2. All data reporting required by the Department of Public Health and Information (DPHHS) as part of this program will be completed in the format and timeline requested by DPHHS. This is specified in greater detail below.
3. Current levels of residential services to Medicaid-enrolled individuals with severe disabling mental illness (SDMI), substance use disorder (SUD), intellectual/developmental disabilities (IDD), or serious emotional disturbance (SED) will be maintained or increased.
4. Medicaid members will continue to receive services within the funded residences for at least 24 months following project completion.
5. Ensure compliance with all applicable Montana Medicaid rules and manuals (e.g., Medicaid Services Provider Manual for Substance Use Disorder and Adult Mental Health; Children’s Mental Health Bureau Medicaid Services Provider Manual; Developmental Disabilities Program Services Manual).

Allowable Uses

Allowable uses of these funds include:

1. Repairing an existing residential setting
2. Upgrading an existing residential setting
3. Hiring and training staff necessary to open, reopen, or expand services at a residential setting
4. Purchasing or building a new residential setting
5. Temporary revenue supplementation to offset low volume during new setting start up

More guidelines on these allowable uses are available in the residential grant application.

DPHHS expects project costs will fall within the ranges provided in the table below, depending on proposal type.

Proposed Project Type	Expected Cost Range
Repair or upgrade existing setting	Less than \$100,000
Reopen closed setting	\$100,000 – \$250,000
Open new or expand existing setting	\$100,000 – \$500,000
Build new setting	\$500,000 – \$1,000,000

Application Requirements

The application must identify one of the five eligible uses as listed above and demonstrate how they:

- Serve adults with SDMI, adults or youth with SUD, children with SED, individuals with IDD, or people with co-occurring mental health/SUD and/or behavioral health/IDD in a residential program in Montana.
- Fund the related residential program primarily through Medicaid (i.e., greater than 50% of funding is Medicaid); and
- If applicable, currently experience a need for repairs or upgrades to serve residents safely and effectively (i.e., grant funds cannot be used for non-essential or cosmetic upgrades). Demonstration can include architectural plans, photographs, testimonials, construction bids, and/or a descriptive narrative.
- Operate with a license now or will become licensed by the DPHHS Office of Inspector General, as appropriate.

DPHHS will be accepting proposals **beginning February 5 through March 8**. All proposals must be submitted via the [Montana Grants Application Portal](#).

Upcoming Provider Webinar

DPHHS staff will host a provider webinar on February 9 at 11:00 AM to review the residential grant program requirements and process. This webinar will be recorded and made available to the public.

To Join the Zoom Meeting

<https://mt-gov.zoom.us/j/83069282037?pwd=SmFUL0VMWG8xY1BDdVI2WkxVTzVjQT09>

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Contact and Website Information

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For claims questions or additional information, contact Montana Provider Relations at (800) 624-3958 or (406) 442-1837 or email Montana Provider Relations Helpdesk.

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