

DPHHS/Tribal Health Departments Discussion re HEART Tribal Grants

February 2, 2022, 9:00 am via Zoom



Agenda

1. Welcome and Purpose
2. HEART Initiative Background
3. Discussion about use of tribal grants
4. Discussion about deliverables and reporting requirements
5. Next Steps



The Healing and Ending Addiction through Recovery and Treatment (HEART) Initiative

Overview

Governor Giantforte's HEART Initiative, included in [H.B. 701](#), seeks to invest significant state and federal funding to expand the state's behavioral health continuum to:

- Expand efforts to strengthen state's **evidence-based behavioral health continuum of care** for individuals with a SUD, Serious Mental Illness (SMI), or a Serious Emotional Disturbance (SED);
- Enable **prevention and earlier identification** of behavioral health issues; and
- Monitor the quality of care delivered to members with behavioral health needs all settings through **improved data collection and reporting**.
- **HB 701 includes \$500,000 in annual grants to tribes.**

Where We've Been

- House Bill 701 signed into law – May 18, 2021
- Tribal Consultation regarding HEART Waiver & Initiative – August 26, 2021
- Marijuana tax dollars began coming in – January 2022

HB 701 Requirements for HEART Fund

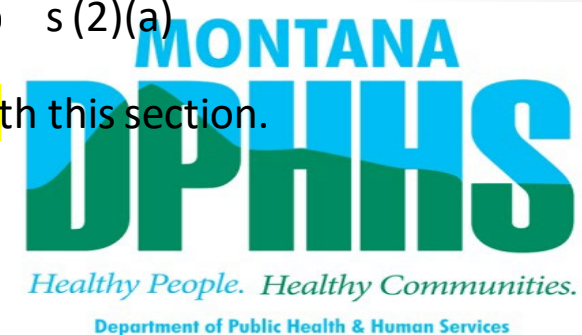
The following language comes from **Section 100 of House Bill 701**:

(2) Revenue in the account must be **used to provide** statewide programs for:

- (a) substance use disorder prevention;
- (b) mental health promotion; and
- (c) crisis, treatment, and recovery services for substance use and mental health disorders.

(3) The programs must **be designed to**:

- (a) increase the number of individuals choosing treatment over incarceration;
- (b) improve access to, utilization of, and engagement and retention in prevention, treatment, and recovery support services;
- (c) expand the availability of community-based services that reflect best practices or are evidence based;
- (d) leverage additional federal funds when available for the healthy Montana kids plan provided for in Title 53, chapter 4, part 11, and the medicaid program provided for in Title 53, chapter 6, for the purposes of this section;
- (e) provide funding for programs and services that are described in subsections (2)(a) through (2)(c) and provided on an Indian reservation located in this state; or
- (f) provide funding for grants and services to tribes for use in accordance with this section.



HB 701 Requirements for HEART Fund (continued)

(4) (a) An amount not to exceed \$500,000, including eligible federal matching sources when applicable, **must be used to provide funding for grants and services to tribes for tobacco prevention and cessation, substance use disorder prevention, mental health promotion, and substance use disorder and mental health crisis, treatment, and recovery services.**

(b) The department of public health and human services shall manage the programs funded by the special revenue account and shall adopt rules to implement the programs.

(5) The legislature shall appropriate money from the state special revenue account provided for in this section for the programs referred to in this section.

(6) Programs funded under this section must be funded through contracted services with service providers.

Additional Tribal Grant Details

- Funding per Tribe = up to **\$62,500** annually, delivered through the normal DPHHS tribal task order process.
 - Grants are based on the state fiscal year, 7/1-6/30.
 - **The first-year grants run through June 30, 2022.**
 - **Therefore, a very short time exists for this first year grant period.**
- Funding **can be used** for:
 - Any activity or services, for individuals or the community, that the tribe feels would support the purpose of the funding.
 - Includes: promote mental health, prevent substance use disorders, tobacco prevention and cessation, and substance use disorder and mental health crisis, treatment, and recovery services.
- Funding **may not be used for** services that can be billed to Montana Medicaid.



Possible Uses of First Year of Grant Funding – for Discussion

- Julian Shields – work with our local treatment center, spotted bull, provide them with the funding. Inform them they can't third party bill with. Absorb a lot of costs for sending people to
- Lee Ann – pipe through our SUD program, gaps in Indian country, provide for food. Spiritual practices, take out into the hills and gather sweet grass or sage. Natural part of our culture, pay for a cultural person to guide our folks that are from the TX facilities, paying for those people who aren't like a certified counselor but community cultural. Build on, struggle to find funding for those pieces.
- Food to feed people and the Creator
- Gas for transportation
- Pandemic, mindfulness in reporting and expectations
- Steven - Support our community and cultural liaison, first to know about people who are struggling, community resource
- Molly – short of BH providers, useful to support peer support specialist - Open door event, coordinate cultural events, supervision and support. Travel, cultural events and activities
- LeeAnn- Measuring success – how would we do that. What change?
 - Paint the pillars, artistic, enjoy making dresses or dance outfits. See the change that
 - Happened in the community, beading, education, go over self care, self regulation



Deliverables and Reporting – for Discussion

- # of people reached/served with events and services
- What change would we want to see? Family connections, how they would communicate together
- Periodic reports (every 6 mos/year) high level financial info. How much did you spend on cultural/spiritual, clinical tx, non clinical health care support folks, etc.
- Narrative of what funds were used for and how they support SUD/MH services in the community.
- 1-3 pages long
- Template at the dept level
- Use those reports to communicate to legislature on how these dollars were used.
- Set of materials that is the value that was provided by these funds
- I think that is what I was thinking. I am confident you will figure out a balance
- Reporting is going to be important,
- Prompting questions in the narrative- Don't want to look at level of number of people
 - Don't have to answer all the prompts – what is the positive impact of this funding,
 - what have these activities led to, what are the changes that you've seen.
 - Narrative, folks that don't know Indian country, how can we share this particular
 - Cultural component.



Next Steps

