



Projects for Assistance in Transition from Homelessness PATH Program Fact Sheet

Overview

The PATH program is administered by the Center for Mental Health Services, a component of the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), within the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. The PATH Program was authorized by the [Stewart B. McKinney Homeless Assistance Amendments Act of 1990](#).

The Projects for Assistance in Transition from Homelessness (PATH) program assists individuals in accessing housing, mental health services, substance abuse treatment, disability benefits, and other services to stabilize them and facilitate recovery. Persistent and consistent outreach, and providing services at the individual's pace, are important steps to engage people with serious mental illness who are homeless. Per the federal legislation PATH 'eligible' means that an individual has a serious mental illness, or serious mental illness and substance use disorder, and is experiencing homelessness or is at imminent risk of becoming homeless.

Eligibility Requirements

Per the federal legislation PATH eligible means that an individual has a serious mental illness, or serious mental illness and substance use disorder, and is experiencing homelessness or is at imminent risk of becoming homeless.

Budget

PATH is a formula grant to the 50 states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, the Northern Mariana Islands, Guam, American Samoa, and the U.S. Virgin Islands. The 2022 federal award for Montana State totaled \$300,000. Cash or in-kind match is required of at least \$1 for each \$3 of federal funds.

Reporting

PATH Annual Report measurements include:

- The number of homeless persons contacted;
- The percentage of contacted homeless persons with serious mental illness who become enrolled in PATH services; and
- The percentage of enrolled homeless individuals who receive community mental health services;
- The number of PATH providers trained on SSI/Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI) Outreach, Access, and Recovery (SOAR) to ensure eligible homeless clients are receiving benefits.

Oversight



DPHHS; Addictive & Mental Disorders Division, AMDD, is the [State PATH Contact, SPC](#), and currently contracts with:

Billings: [South Central MT Regional Mental Health Center](#)

Butte: [Western MT Mental Health Center](#)

Missoula: [Western MT Mental Health Center](#)

Key Partners

AMDD, contracts with licensed community behavioral health agencies.

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