

# AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN FUNDING

In May 2021, the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) distributed \$3 billion in American Rescue Plan funding — the largest aggregate amount of funding to date for its mental health and substance use block grant programs. Of this funding, Pennsylvania received almost \$48 million.

## INTENSIFY PRIMARY PREVENTION

### PREVENTION INITIATIVES - \$9.6 MILLION

Support for Single County Authorities (SCA) to improve implementation of the Strategic Prevention Framework process and increase/expand prevention programs and services to address priority prevention needs within counties.

Examples of prevention programs/services provided by SCAs include skills training and social emotional learning programs for youth, parenting and family management programs, community coalition building/support, Student Assistance Program support, and promotion of prescription drug safe storage and disposal.

## STRENGTHEN THE DRUG AND ALCOHOL TREATMENT SYSTEM

### TREATMENT AND TREATMENT RELATED - \$19.9 MILLION

Funding is used for providing recovery support services, expanding SCA case management services, implementation of quality measures including Pennsylvania's transition to the American Society of Addiction Medicine (ASAM) criteria, and the expansion of the Addiction Treatment Locator, Assessment, and Standards Platform (ATLAS) to Pennsylvania, to assist individuals with finding high-quality substance use treatment.

### RECOVERY SUPPORT SERVICES GRANT FUNDING - \$3 MILLION

Funding directed to Recovery Community Organizations across the commonwealth expand existing services and develop new programs across a variety of services including delivery of recovery coaching through Certified Recovery Specialists, telephonic supports, education and employment supports, engagement in GED services, life-skills support groups, and delivery of substance-free social activities.

## **EMPLOYMENT SUPPORT SERVICES GRANT FUNDING - \$3.3 MILLION**

Funding directed to organizations across the commonwealth to provide a wide variety of services including vocational assessments, resume writing, interviewing skills, job placement, and transportation assistance related to employment.

## **PREGNANCY SUPPORT SERVICES - \$4.5 MILLION**

Funding for organizations to provide pregnancy support services or make referrals to address the needs of pregnant and postpartum women with SUD. In addition, these community providers will facilitate or make referrals for outpatient Medication-Assisted Treatment (MAT) and SUD treatment facilities.

## **HARM REDUCTION DROP-IN CENTERS - \$5.1 MILLION**

Funding to existing SUD drop-in centers to expand their services and increase overdose prevention and community-driven harm reduction in areas of the Commonwealth where overdose death rates are highest.

## **OTHER FUNDING**

### **AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN + COVID - \$1.5 MILLION**

Funds provided to SCAs for efforts related to COVID mitigation.

This report is accurate as of March 2024; program development and procurement are ongoing.