

# Priorities, Funding, Resources: Mental Health Services for Populations Experiencing Homelessness

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# SAMHSA—Mission and Vision

## Mission

SAMHSA's mission is to lead public health and service delivery efforts that promote mental health, prevent substance misuse, and provide treatments and supports to foster recovery while ensuring equitable access and better outcomes.


## Vision

SAMHSA envisions that people with, affected by, or at risk for mental health and substance use conditions receive care, achieve well-being, and thrive.

# SAMHSA's 2023-2026 Strategic Plan

A collage of seven diamond-shaped photographs featuring diverse individuals and groups, including a group of people in a meeting, a family, two young women, a young woman, and two young men.

**Strategic Plan  
2023-2026**

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# Mental Health and Homelessness

## Prevention

- People experiencing homelessness are more likely to also experience serious mental illness or substance use disorders
- Population-specific prevention—e.g., LGBTQ+, black, American Indian and Alaska Native

## Connection

- Transportation to services
- Mobile services
- Reducing stigma
- Reducing barriers
- Harm reduction, case management, recovery support services
- Using smartphone tech/apps for connection

## Coordination

- Interagency and interdepartmental coordination
- Braided funding
  - [Examining the Use of Braided Funding for Substance Use Disorder Services](#)

# SAMHSA's Centers and Offices

- [Office of the Assistant Secretary for Mental Health and Substance Use](#)
  - [988 Behavioral Health Crisis Coordinating Office](#)
  - [Office of Behavioral Health Equity](#)
  - [Office of the Chief Medical Officer](#)
  - [Office of Intergovernmental and Public Affairs](#)
    - Communications
    - OTAP / OIASA
    - Regional
  - [National Mental Health and Substance Use Policy Laboratory](#)
  - [Office of Recovery](#)
- [Office of Financial Resources](#)
- [Office of Management, Technology and Operations](#)

## SAMHSA's Four Centers:

- [Center for Mental Health Services](#)
- [Center for Substance Abuse Prevention](#)
- [Center for Substance Abuse Treatment](#)
- [Center for Behavioral Health Statistics & Quality](#)

# SAMHSA Appropriations Budget Authority

## SAMHSA FY 2024 Enacted Budget

### ***Mental Health Funding***

\$2.81 billion (+\$20m over FY23)

### ***Substance Use Prevention Funding***

\$237 million (Flat with FY23)

### ***Substance Use Treatment***

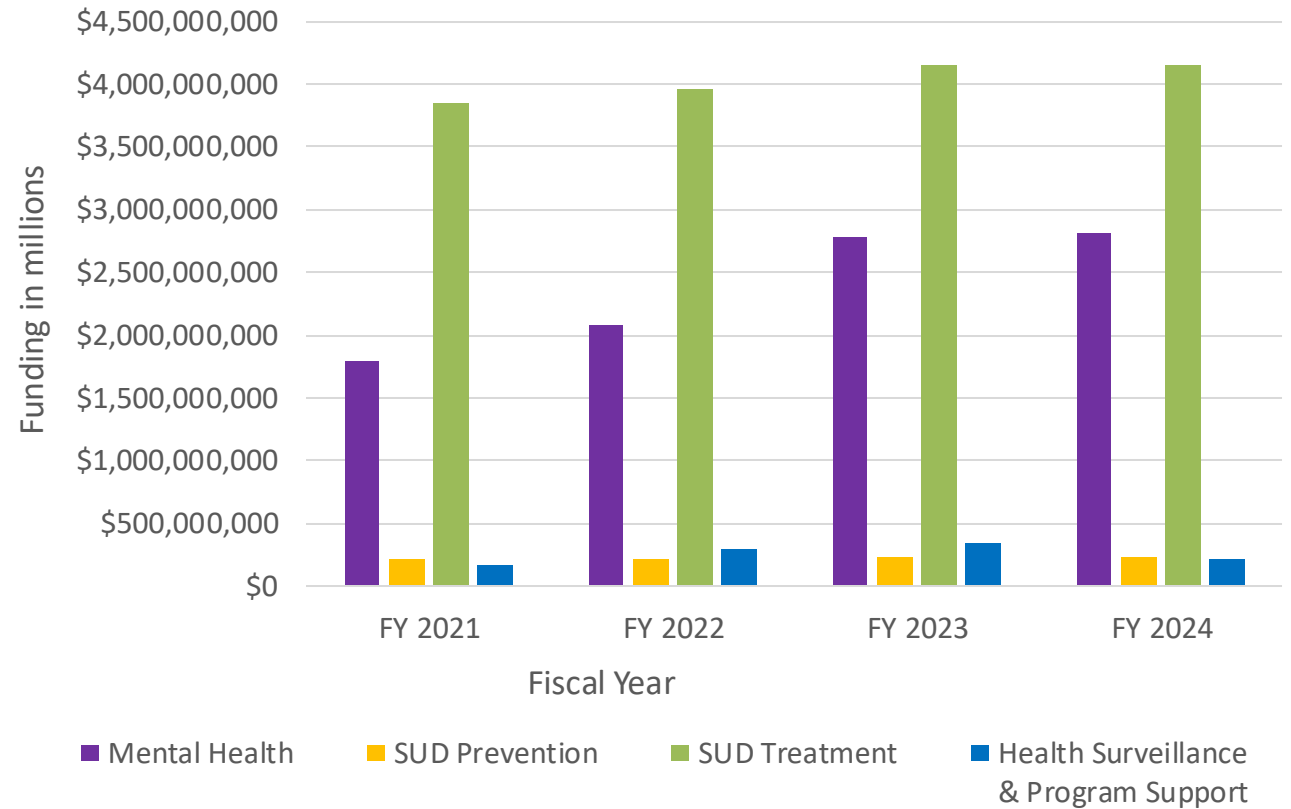
\$4.159 billion (+\$2m over FY23)

### ***Health Surveillance & Program Support***

\$241.3 million (-\$93m under FY23)

**Total SAMHSA FY24 Budget Authority =**  
**\$7.4 billion, reduction of \$217 million from FY23**

SAMHSA Appropriations FY2021 - FY2024





# Center for Mental Health Services – Major Grants

- Community Mental Health Services Block Grant (MHBG)
- Community Mental Health Centers (CMHC)
- Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinics (CCBHCs)
- Children’s Mental Health Services
- Projects for Assistance in Transition from Homelessness (PATH)
- Protection and Advocacy for Individuals with Mental Illness (PAIMI)
- National Child Traumatic Stress Network
- Mental Health Awareness Training
- Primary and Behavioral Health Care Integration
- Suicide Prevention Programs
  - GLS Youth Suicide Prevention – States
  - GLS Youth Suicide Prevention – Campus
- GLS Suicide Prevention Resource Center
- AI/AN Suicide Prevention Initiative
- National Strategy for Suicide Prevention
  - Zero Suicide
  - Other NSSP
- Assisted Outpatient Treatment for Individuals with Serious Mental Illness
- Minority Fellowship Program
- Interagency Task Force on Trauma-Informed Care
- Assertive Community Treatment
- PRNS:
  - Project AWARE
  - Healthy Transitions
  - Children & Family Programs
  - Consumer & Family Network Grants
  - Project LAUNCH
  - Mental Health System Transformation & Health Reform
  - Homelessness Prevention Programs
  - Minority AIDS
- Criminal and Juvenile Justice Programs
- Practice Improvement & Training
- Consumer & Consumer-Supporter TA Centers
- Disaster Response
- Alternatives to Seclusion and Restraint
- Tribal Behavioral Health Grants
- Infant & Early Childhood Mental Health

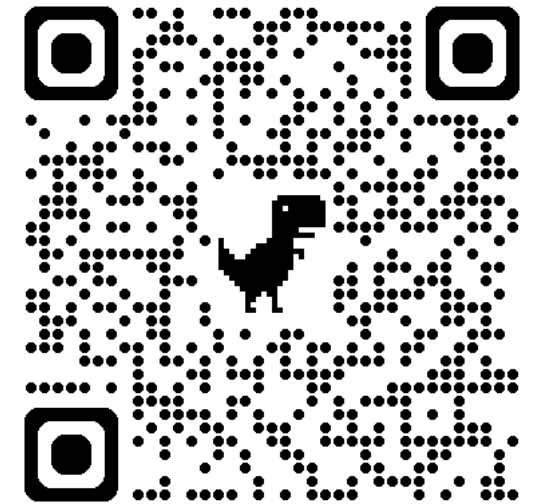
# Homelessness Programs and Resources

## Center for Mental Health Services (CMHS)

- Projects for Assistance in Transition from Homelessness (PATH)
- SSI/SSDI Outreach, Access and Recovery (SOAR)
  - [SOAR Program by State Map](#)
- Treatment for Individuals Experiencing Homelessness (TIEH)
  - Region 10, 2023-2028: \$1.5 million per year

## Center for Substance Abuse Treatment (CSAT)

- Grants for the Benefit of Homeless Individuals (GBHI)
  - Region 10, 2023-2028: \$1 million per year





# Certified Community Behavioral Health Centers (CCBHCs): *Expanding Access to Care*

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Added **10 new states** into the Medicaid Demonstration Program in June 2024

Posted Notice of Funding Opportunity to award **15 new planning grants** in FY25

**Adding 10 new states** to the demonstration every two years

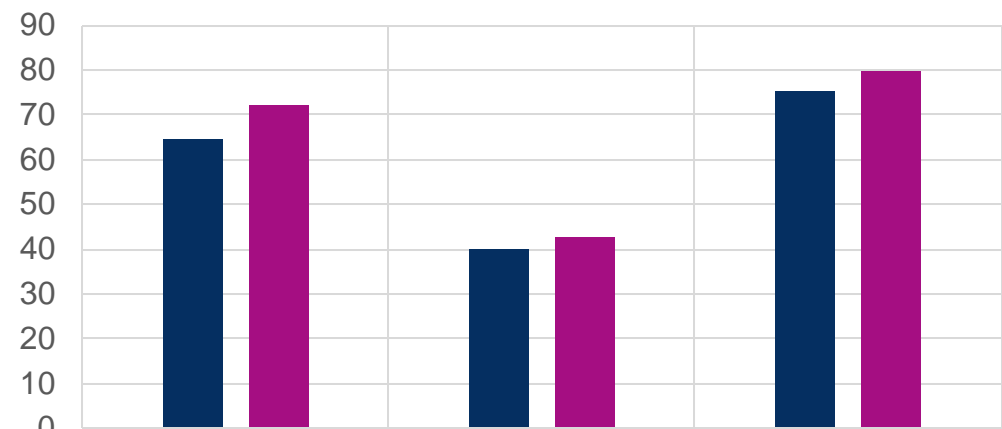


[Read more about CCBHCS](#)

# Certified Community Behavioral Health Centers (CCBHCs)

## Key Findings 2024

### Improvements in Positive Outcomes



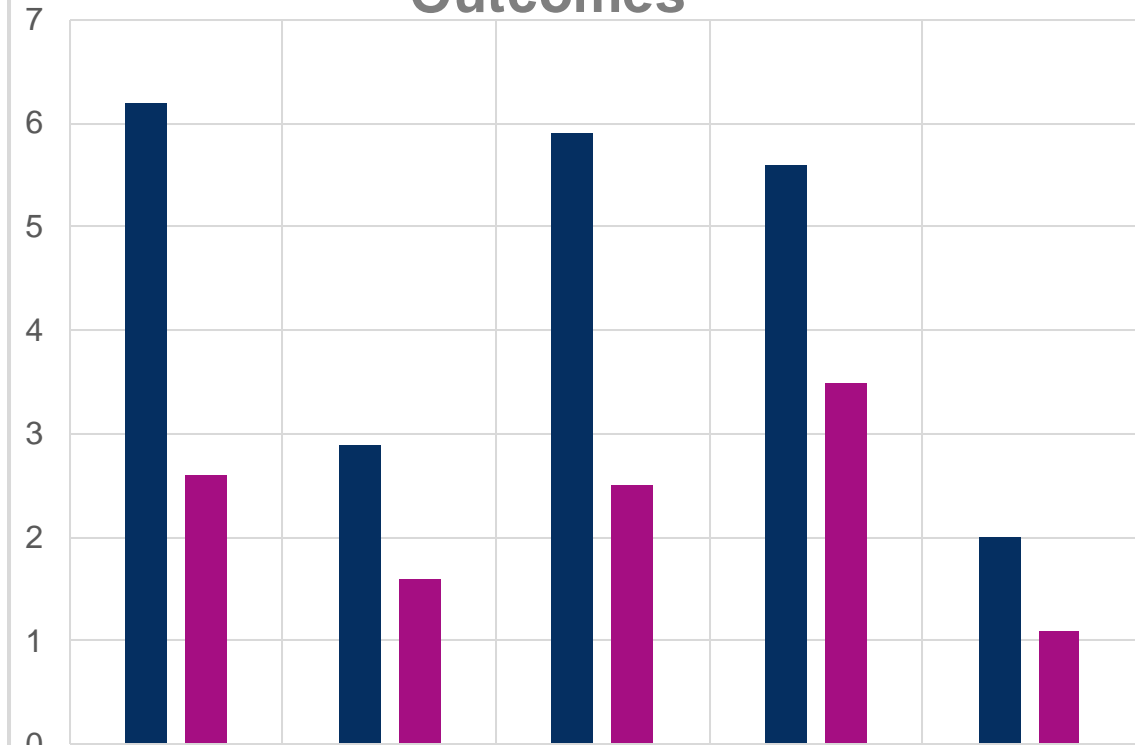
Positive Functioning in Everyday Life

Attending School/Employed/Retired

Social Connectedness

■ Baseline Interview   ■ 6-Month Reassessment

### Reductions in Negative Outcomes



Hospitalized for Mental Health Care

Inpatient Substance Use Treatment

Used ER for Behavioral Health

Experienced Homelessness

Any incarceration

■ Baseline Interview   ■ 6-Month Reassessment

# Homeless and Housing Resource Center



[Homeless and Housing  
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# SAMHSA Grants Dashboard

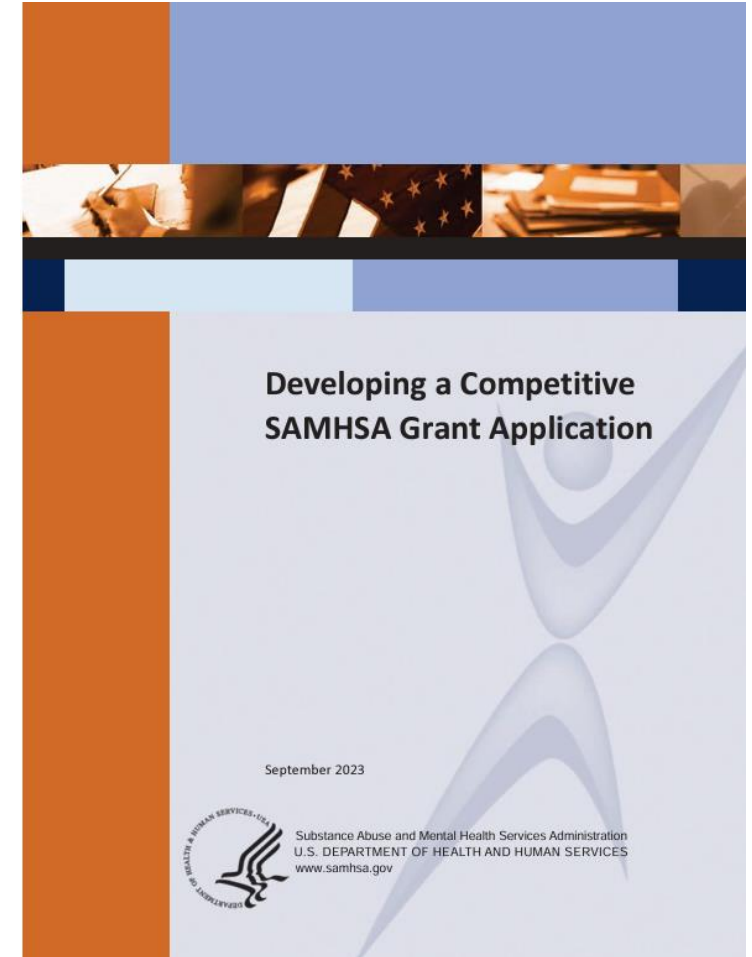
[SAMHSA Grants Dashboard Link](#)



# Developing a Competitive SAMHSA Grant Application

***Developing a Competitive SAMHSA Grant Application*** is a valuable resource available on the SAMHSA website at:

- (Application Forms and Resources webpage)

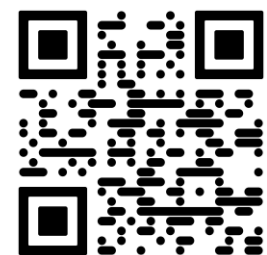


# Other Helpful Resources

- [Expanding Access to and Use of Behavioral Health Services for People Experiencing Homelessness](#) (Evidence Based Resource Guide)
- [United States Interagency Council on Homelessness](#)

# DISCUSSION

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# Thank You

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