

# Division of Grants Administration

# Grant Update Highlights

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AHCCCS has been working to apply for, and implement, multiple grants over the course of the last quarter

- SAMHSA's Emergency Grant to Address Mental Health and Substance Abuse
- SAMHSA's COVID-19 Emergency Response for Suicide Prevention
- FEMA's Crisis Counseling Program Service
- Project for Assistance in Transition from Homelessness - PATH
- State Pilot Grant Program for Treatment for Postpartum and Pregnant Women - PLT PPW - *Still awaiting SAMHSA decision*
- SAMHSA's State Opioid Response Grant - SOR

# Emergency Grant to Address Mental and Substance Abuse Disorders During COVID-19

- Awarded \$2 million to support efforts throughout Arizona
- Working with RBHAs and TRBHAs to implement specific grant requirements in their network and/or service areas
- Areas of focus:
  - Recovery housing for those who cannot return home or to alternative care levels due to COVID-19 symptoms
  - Counseling and support groups for healthcare workers
  - Increased engagement for Substance Use needs
  - PPE for service providers within the grant scope

# SAMHSA's COVID-19 Emergency Response for Suicide Prevention

- Issue date: 7/20/2020
- Project Period: 7/31/2020-11/30/2021
- Amount: \$800,000
- Areas of focus:
  - Provide an estimated 300-400 individuals with emergency housing
  - Provide an additional 1,500 individuals with crisis hotline services
  - Increase knowledge of suicide prevention through community-based trainings

# Crisis Counseling Program

- FEMA and SAMHSA Grant Awarded to AHCCCS on 6.2.2020; AHCCCS partnered with The Crisis Response Network as the statewide contractor
- CRN launched Resilient Arizona Crisis Counseling Program 6.22.2020
- Public Service Announcements and education focused on reduction of effects of trauma related to COVID-19
  - Provision of individual and group counseling, assessment and referral, resource linkages; telephonic and virtual services
  - Utilization of existing services to support immediate needs within the emergency period
  - Open to all Arizonans with a focus on healthcare workers, those over 65, families, children and Tribal Communities-free and confidential services
  - Regular Services Program Grant submitted on 6.29.2020 to continue CCP

# PATH Grant

## Project for Assistance in Transition from Homelessness

- Awards have been made and are broken out by county coverage
  - Catholic Charities: Coconino, Mohave and Yavapai County
  - Community Bridges Inc.: Maricopa County
  - La Frontera: Pima County
  - Good Neighbor Alliance: Cochise County

# Opioid Grant - SOR

## State Opioid Response Grant

- Submission date of May 19th and still awaiting SAMHSA decision with new anticipated start is 9/1/2020
- Statewide focus of service
- Focus
  - Increase access to OUD treatment
  - Integrated and coordinated care
  - Recovery support services and prevention activities
  - Stimulant Use Disorder services
  - Decrease Opioid related deaths



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To address needs of the OTPs during COVID-19, AHCCCS has been working to provide opportunities to better meet the needs of the OTP clients and staff. Some modifications to be aware of:

- OTPs were to review, implement and update their emergency plans and/or business continuity plans.
- Unique dosing options
- Telehealth options including ongoing visits, counseling, peer support and induction of Buprenorphine
- Blanket exceptions for take home medications when clinically appropriate
- Recommendation of staggered schedules for cleaning needs

# Opioid Treatment Programs

Per A.R.S. 36-.2907.14, all new and existing OTP providers receiving AHCCCS funding are required to submit required reporting to AHCCCS' Division of Grants Administration. This year's annual reporting is due November 15, 2020.

*Reminder: All new OTPs added to your networks, are required to submit the required reporting elements located on our website. Please ensure that new OTPs are being informed of this requirement as they are being onboarded into your network. Questions can be sent to [GrantsManagement@azahcccs.gov](mailto:GrantsManagement@azahcccs.gov).*

[https://www.azahcccs.gov/Members/BehavioralHealthServices/OpioidUseDisorderAndTreatment/OTP\\_Requirements.html](https://www.azahcccs.gov/Members/BehavioralHealthServices/OpioidUseDisorderAndTreatment/OTP_Requirements.html)

# Primary Prevention Direct Contracting

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Primary Prevention Direct Contracting will begin July 1, 2021. AHCCCS efforts for implementation of these changes have been underway including:

- DGA has been conducting focus groups to gather information related to the administration of primary prevention services under the Substance Abuse Block Grant. The link below will provide more information on these focus groups.

<https://www.azahcccs.gov/Members/Downloads/BehavioralHealthServices/AHCCCSPrimaryPreventionServiceAdministrationFocusGroups.pdf>

# Primary Prevention Direct Contracting

- DGA has worked to add prevention language and information and into the current draft of 320-T that is currently out for public comment
- Working on the primary prevention system changes as mentioned in AHCCCS' major decisions announcement in November 2019. Information gathered from the focus groups mentioned previously will be used to inform AHCCCS' administration of future services.
- Developing a statewide prevention strategic plan for substance use prevention services.