



**DEPARTMENT OF  
HUMAN SERVICES**

# **Community Mental Health Services and Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment Block Grant Overview**

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# What is a Block Grant?

- A non competitive, formula grant mandated by the U.S. Congress.
- States must submit an annual application to demonstrate statutory and regulatory compliance in order to receive funding.
- Annual applications include:
  - Full Application and Plan (odd years)
  - Mini Application (even years)
- SAMHSA is responsible for two block grant programs:
  - Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment Block Grant (SABG)
  - Community Mental Health Services Block Grant (MHBG)

# What is the Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment Block Grant (SABG)?

- The SABG program provides funds and technical assistance to all 50 states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, the U.S. Virgin Islands, 6 Pacific jurisdictions, and 1 tribal entity.
- The SABG program's objective is to help plan, implement, and evaluate activities that prevent and treat substance abuse.
- The SABG is authorized by [section 1921 of Title XIX, Part B, Subpart II and III of the Public Health Service \(PHS\) Act \(PDF | 253 KB\)](#).
- SAMHSA's Center for Substance Abuse Treatment's (CSAT) Performance Partnership Branch, in collaboration with the Center for Substance Abuse Prevention's (CSAP) Division of State Programs, administers the SABG.

# SABG Targeted Populations and Service Areas

**The SABG program targets the following populations and service areas:**

- Pregnant women and women with dependent children
- Intravenous drug users
- Tuberculosis services
- Early intervention services for HIV/AIDS
- Primary prevention services

# What is the Community Mental Health Services Block Grant (MHBG)?

- The MHBG program provides funds and technical assistance to all 50 states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, the U.S. Virgin Islands, and 6 Pacific jurisdictions.
- The MHBG program's objective is to support the grantees in carrying out plans for providing comprehensive community mental health services.
- The MHBG program is authorized by [section 1911 of Title XIX, Part B, Subpart I and III of the Public Health Service \(PHS\) Act \(PDF | 253 KB\)](#).
- SAMHSA's Center for Mental Health Services' (CMHS) Division of State and Community Systems Development (DSCSD) administers MHBG funds.

# MHBG Targeted Populations

**The MHBG Program targets the following populations:**

- **Adults with serious mental illnesses** - Includes persons age 18 and older who have a diagnosable behavioral, mental, or emotional condition—as defined by the Psychiatric Association’s *Diagnostic and Statistical Manual (DSM) of Mental Disorders*.
- **Children with serious emotional disturbances** - Includes persons up to age 18 who have a diagnosable behavioral, mental, or emotional issue (as defined by the DSM).

# MHBG and SABG Timeline

## 2019

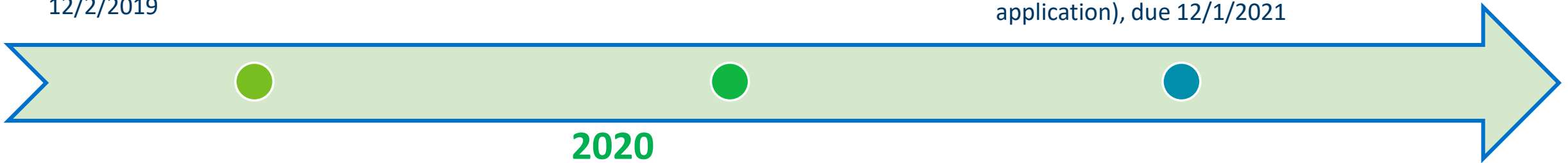
- 2020-2021 Mental Health and Substance Abuse Combined Block Grant application, due 9/1/2019
- Provide feedback for 2020 Mental Health Block Grant / Substance Abuse Annual Behavioral Health Report - 2nd year targets (from 2018 - 19 application), due 12/2/2019

## 2021

- **2022-2023 Mental Health and Substance Abuse Combined Block Grant application, due 9/1/2021**
- Provide feedback for 2022 Mental Health/Substance Abuse Block Grant Annual Behavioral Health Report - 2<sup>nd</sup> year targets (from 2020 -21 application), due 12/1/2021

## 2020

- Mini Mental Health and Substance Abuse Combined Block Grant application, due 9/1/2020
- Provide feedback for 2021 Mental Health Block Grant/Substance Abuse Block Grant Annual Behavioral Health Report - 1<sup>st</sup> year targets (from 2020 – 21 application), due 12/1/2020





# Fiscal Year 2021 Awarded Amounts for SABG and MHBG

## **Substance Abuse Block Grant = \$24,104,330**

- 20% Primary Prevention Set Aside
- 1994 Pregnant Women and Women with Dependent Children Set Side = \$4,356,132

## **Mental Health Block Grant = \$10,892,453**

- 5 % Crisis Services Set Aside
- 10% First Episode Set Aside
- 25% American Indian Mental Health Services Set Aside

# Additional SABG and MHBG Funding

## Substance Abuse Block Grant (SABG)

Name	Amount Awarded	Spending Period
SABG Technical Assistance Supplemental Funding	\$396,365	10/1/2020 – 9/30/2021
SABG Consolidated Appropriations Act (Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplement) Funding	\$22,591,036	3/15/2021 – 3/14/2023
SABG American Rescue Plan Act Funding	\$19,510,440	9/1/2021 – 9/30/2025

## Mental Health Block Grant (MHBG)

Name	Amount Awarded	Spending Period
MHBG Technical Assistance Supplemental Funding	\$181,052.50	10/1/2020 – 9/30/2021
MHBG Consolidated Appropriations Act (Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplement) Funding	\$12,518,067	3/15/2021 – 3/14/2023
MHBG American Rescue Plan Act Funding	\$21,622,115	9/1/2021 – 9/30/2025

# WebBGAS Login Information

To view Minnesota's Mental Health and Substance Abuse Block Grant Assessment, Plan, and Annual Report use the following information

- **Link to the Mental Health and Substance Abuse Grant:** <https://bgas.samhsa.gov/>
- **Username:** citizenmn
- **Password:** citizen

To View Mental Health and Substance Abuse Block Grant Application, Plans & Reports

- Click on "**View an Existing Application**"
- Click on the "**Mental Health Block Grant or Substance Abuse Application**"
- Click on the "**Report**", or "**Behavioral Assessment and Plan**" that you want to view

# SABG and MHBG SAMHSA Resources

To familiarize yourself with the MHBG and SABG, please visit the SAMHSA website (<https://www.samhsa.gov/>)

- What is the Community Mental Health Services Block Grant (MHBG)? <https://www.samhsa.gov/grants/block-grants/mhbg>
- What is the Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment Block Grant (SABG)? <https://www.samhsa.gov/grants/block-grants/sabg>
- Block Grants Laws and Regulations: <https://www.samhsa.gov/grants/block-grants/laws-regulations>
- Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Block Grant Application/Plan, and report: <https://www.samhsa.gov/grants/block-grants>

# SABG and MHBG Additional Information and Resources

- [Federal Block Grants: Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment and Community Mental Health Services \(PDF\)](#)
- [Federal Block Grant Overview \(PDF\)](#)
- [Federal Block Grant Supplement Award for Fiscal Year 2021 \(PDF\)](#)

Questions?

Thank you!