

**RCW 71.24.145 Homeless outreach stabilization transition program
—Psychiatric outreach—Contingency management resources—Substance
misuse prevention effort—Grants.**

(1) Subject to the availability of amounts appropriated for this specific purpose, the authority shall establish a homeless outreach stabilization transition program to expand access to modified assertive community treatment services provided by multidisciplinary behavioral health outreach teams to serve people who are living with serious substance use disorders or co-occurring substance use disorders and mental health conditions, are experiencing homelessness, and whose severity of behavioral health symptom acuity level creates a barrier to accessing and receiving conventional behavioral health services and outreach models.

(a) In establishing the program, the authority shall consult with behavioral health outreach organizations who have experience delivering this service model in order to establish program guidelines regarding multidisciplinary team staff types, service intensity and quality fidelity standards, and criteria to ensure programs are reaching the appropriate priority population.

(b) Funds for the homeless outreach stabilization transition program must be used to reimburse organizations for the provision of multidisciplinary outreach services to individuals who are living with substance use disorders or co-occurring substance use and mental health disorders and are experiencing homelessness or transitioning from homelessness to housing. The funds may be used to provide assistance to organizations to establish or expand services as reasonably necessary to create a homeless outreach stabilization transition program, including items such as training and recruitment of personnel, outreach and engagement resources, client engagement and health supplies, medications for people who do not have access to insurance, and similar forms of assistance.

(c) The authority must establish one or more homeless outreach stabilization transition programs by January 1, 2024, and begin distributing grant funds by March 1, 2024.

(2) Subject to the availability of amounts appropriated for this specific purpose, the authority shall establish a project for psychiatric outreach to the homeless program to expand access to behavioral health medical services for people who are experiencing homelessness and living in permanent supportive housing.

(a) In establishing the program, the authority shall consult with behavioral health medical providers, homeless service providers, and permanent supportive housing providers that support people living with substance use disorders, co-occurring substance use and mental health conditions, and people who are currently or have formerly experienced homelessness.

(b) Funds for the project for psychiatric outreach to the homeless program must be used to reimburse organizations for the provision of medical services to individuals who are living with or in recovery from substance use disorders, co-occurring substance use and mental health disorders, or other behavioral and physical health conditions. Organizations must provide medical services to people who are experiencing homelessness or are living in permanent supportive housing and would be at risk of homelessness without access to appropriate services. The funds may be used to provide assistance to organizations to establish or expand behavioral health medical services as reasonably necessary to create a project for psychiatric outreach to the homeless program, including items such as training and

recruitment of personnel, outreach and engagement resources, medical equipment and health supplies, medications for people who do not have access to insurance, and similar forms of assistance.

(c) The authority must establish one or more projects for psychiatric outreach to the homeless programs by January 1, 2024, and begin distributing grant funds by March 1, 2024.

(3) Subject to the availability of amounts appropriated for this specific purpose, the authority shall increase contingency management resources for opioid treatment networks that are serving people living with co-occurring stimulant use and opioid use disorder.

(4) Subject to the availability of amounts appropriated for this specific purpose, the authority shall develop a plan for implementing a comprehensive statewide substance misuse prevention effort. The plan must be completed by January 1, 2024.

(5) Subject to the availability of amounts appropriated for this specific purpose, the authority shall administer a competitive grant process to broaden existing local community coalition efforts to prevent substance misuse by increasing relevant protective factors while decreasing risk factors. Coalitions are to be open to all stakeholders interested in substance misuse prevention, including, but not limited to, representatives from people in recovery, law enforcement, education, behavioral health, parent organizations, treatment organizations, organizations serving youth, prevention professionals, and business. [2021 c 311 § 5.]

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