



# Montgomery County's Human Services Block Grant (HSBG) Fiscal Year 2022-2023

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# What is the Human Service Block Grant?

- HSBG are funds annually allocated by the state of Pennsylvania to county governments to provide locally identified county-based human services to meet the needs of county residents.
- Combines several funding line items into one grant for counties to administer. Funds within HSBG include:
  - Mental Health community base-funded services
  - Intellectual Disabilities community base-funded services
  - Drug & Alcohol Services (D&A)
  - Homeless Assistance Program (HAP)
  - Human Services Development Fund (HSDF)
- Each fund has eligible categories of service or expenses that can be paid for through that fund

# Priority Populations

Low-income adults

Persons experiencing homelessness

Aging and aged persons

Person with drug and/or alcohol addictions

Persons with mental health problems

Persons with intellectual disabilities

Dependent and delinquent children

# Outcomes

Counties must focus on outcomes that align with PA DHS strategic focus areas:

1. Serving more individuals in the community
2. Increasing access to high quality services
3. Improving employment opportunities

Counties must provide examples of how the HSBG is used to address these strategic areas.

# Ongoing Stakeholder Input

- Needs assessments, consumer satisfaction surveys, provider meetings, data trends, public meetings and comment periods, conducted by HHS offices to gather priorities and needs from stakeholders (MH, OHCD, D&A, DD).
  - Office of Mental Health: Consumer Satisfaction Team; Family Satisfaction Team
  - Your Way Home Advisory Council
  - Pro-Act D&A consumer satisfaction surveys
  - Developmental Disabilities independent quality monitoring team
- Service request data gathered from Community Connections as indicator of need
- For 2022-2023 HSBG, town hall public hearing was held July 2022

FY 22-23  
Recovery  
Oriented  
Systems  
Transformation  
Priorities



Housing



Residential



Treatment



Peer support, wellness tools and prevention



Crisis Intervention

# FY 22- 23 Funding Requests Highlights

## D&A

- Parent education seminars and evidence-based prevention programs in collaboration with school districts
- Intervention services for child-welfare involved youth with SUD
- MAT expansion and continued funding of non-hospital residential treatment

## HSDF

- Continued support of Community Connections services. 3,350 residents served in past year

## Homeless Assistance Programs

- Case Management (street outreach)
- Emergency Shelter

# HSBG Funds 2017-2023

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- 2022-2023: Mental Health services received an additional \$239,316 for crisis system planning and \$475,350 for expansion and enhancement of the Student Assistance Program (SAP) from the Governor's state mental health budget.

| Funding Year  | HSBG Allocation |
|---------------|-----------------|
| FY 2017-2018  | 40,437,532      |
| FY 2018-2019  | 41,863,727      |
| FY 2019-2020  | 42,536,429      |
| FY 2020-2021  | 42,536,579      |
| FY 2021-2022  | 42,858,909      |
| FY 2022-2023* | 43,173,365      |