# ATTACHMENT Grant Summary Form

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## County of Siskiyou

#### **GRANT SUMMARY FORM**

GENERAL INFORMAT	ION		Grant No.(CFDA)
SABG, CRRSAA & ARP	PA		93.959
General Description of	Grant Work scope		
Funds will be used to ex	cpand Primary Prevention,	Adolescent/Youth Treatmen	t, and Recovery Housing for
individuals accessing St	JD services		
Granting Agency FE	ED STATE OTHER	Agency Contact	Phone No.
Department of Health C	are Services	JaMilah Guidry	(916) 713-8512
Responsible Departme	nt	Department Contact	Extension No.
Behavioral Health Divisi	on	Toby Reusze	(530) 841-4789
Board Approval Date	Application Date	Award Date	Est'd Completion Date
TBD	08/09/2021	11/19/2021	06/30/2025
GRANT COST AND R	EVENUE SUMMARY		
Program Cost Summar		Total	Grant Portion
Revenue (Please displa	y with brackets <>)		
Soft/hard cash match o	or In kind (<>)		
Staffing			177,467.06
Contract Services			131,295.37
Supplies & Other Oper	ating Expenditures		
Capital Outlay			
Indirect Cost@ 9	% of Direct Costs		58,655.32
TOTAL GRANT COSTS A	AND REVENUES	\$ 0.00	\$ 367,417.75
How Was Grant Portio	n Determined?		
The grant portion was d	letermined by Department	of Health Care Services	

Budget Amendment Request Required?  Ves  No If yes, please attach copy of Budget Appropriation Transfer
Does this grant allow for supplanting? Yes No
Does this grant allow for program income? Yes No Will this require an advance of grant dollars? Yes No
OTHER COMMENTS (note any significant or unusual compliance requirements)
Use reverse side if necessary to provide additional information
Prepared By: July Meadous
Date: 12/15/2021

program cost summary section.

\*\*\*\*Please attach a copy of the grant guidelines and all supporting documents that relate to the



# State of California—Health and Human Services Agency Department of Health Care Services



November 19, 2021

Sara Collard, Director Siskiyou Health & Human Services Agency Behavioral Health Division 2060 Campus Drive Yreka, CA 96097

Dear Ms. Collard:

The Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) has completed the review of your county's Behavioral Health Response and Rescue Project (BHRRP) Supplemental County Application for the Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment Block Grant (SABG). All required documents have been received, and your application has been approved up to the maximum **Total Amount Approved** noted below. Your County may begin incurring costs up to that amount retroactively per the timelines denoted below.

# Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act (CRRSAA) (July 1, 2021 through December 31, 2022)

Funding Categories	Total Amount Available	Total Amount Requested	Total Amount Approved
Total Allocation	\$375,936.30	\$157,297.18	\$157,297.18
Primary Prevention Set-Aside	\$90,712.54	\$90,712.54	\$90,712.54
Friday Night Live Set-Aside	\$50,000.00		
Perinatal Set-Aside	\$168,639.12		
Adolescent/Youth Set-Aside	\$2,325.00	\$2,325.00	\$2,325.00
Recovery Housing Support	\$64,259.64	\$64,259.64	\$64,259.64

#### American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) (September 1, 2021 through June 30, 2025)

Funding Categories	Total Amount Available	Total Amount Requested	Total Amount Approved
Total Allocation	\$310,120.57	\$210,120.57	\$210,120.57
Discretionary Allocation	\$82,713.03	\$82,713.03	\$82,713.03

Primary Prevention Set-Aside	\$127,407.54	\$127,407.54	\$127,407.54
Friday Night Live Set-Aside	\$100,000.00		

Please note, your County may be eligible to receive additional funding if it was requested during the application period. DHCS will be providing additional instructions once the final funding amount has been determined.

Should you have any questions, please contact the BHRRP team at BHRRP@dhcs.ca.gov.

Sincerely.

Waheeda Sabah, Section Chief

Contracts and Fiscal Section

Federal Grants Branch

Community Services Division

Department of Health Care Services



# County of Siskiyou

# Notice of Intent (NOI)

Department:	HHSA, Behavioral Health Division
Project Manager/Contact No.	Toby Reusze AOD Administrator 841-4789
Department Director/Contact No.	Sarah Collard 841-2761
Project Name:	SABG ARPA & CRRSAA
Amount of Grant:	\$ 367,417.75
Last Updated:	

### **Project Description:**

SABG CRRSAA & ARPA funds will be utilized to expand existing Substance Use Disorder treatment and prevention programs. This funding is a supplemental allocation to SABG funding which is received annually by the SUD program.

#### **Summary:**

Funds will be used to expand Primary Prevention, Adolescent/Youth Treatment, and Recovery Housing for individuals accessing SUD services.

Approvals

Prepared by:

Project Manager

Approved by:

Department Director

County Administrator Officer

Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment Block Grant (SABG)

Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act (CRRSAA)

July 1, 2021-December 31, 2022

American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA)

September 1, 2021-June 30, 2025

Supplemental Funding Allocation & Application

County of Siskiyou Health and Human Services Agency

Behavioral Health Division

Program Description Narrative

Primary Prevention Set-Aside
August 2021

Sarah Collard, Ph.D., Director, County of Siskiyou Health and Human Services Division, Behavioral Health Division

Toby Reusze, CADC II, LAADC, Siskiyou County AOD Administrator

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#### a. Statement of Purpose:

Siskiyou County Health and Humans Services, Behavioral Health Division, is committed to reducing alcohol and other drug use and abuse throughout Siskiyou County. Prevention Programs support healthy lifestyle choices, provide community and family educational opportunities, support collaborative planning with stakeholders and community partners, foster youth development activities, and support environmental prevention efforts and community involvement. In collaboration with the Sheriff's Department, traditional and non-traditional schools, and the Siskiyou Opioid Coalition, Behavioral Health provides Primary Prevention Program services to youth ages K-12, college students, parents, and community members throughout the county. The ARPA and CRRSAA SABG Primary Prevention Set-Aside offers Siskiyou County the opportunity to expand prevention activities by funding one (1) FTE Prevention Specialist position. The addition of this position will allow for expansion of existing Primary Prevention programming which includes the following strategies:

- Information Dissemination
- Education
- Alternative
- Problem Identification and Referral
- Community-Based Process
- Environmental

#### Measurable Outcome Objectives:

In accordance with Siskiyou County's 2021-2026 Strategic Prevention Plan (SPP) priority areas, SABG ARPA and CRRSAA funded prevention activities will target underage drinking and cannabis use. Prevention activities include, but are not limited to, the following:

**Priority Area:** Underage Drinking

**Problem Statement:** Underage drinking is a priority for Siskiyou County because youth have a low perception of harm of alcohol consumption (past 30-day use) and report low school connectedness.

Goal: Decrease Underage Drinking

#### Measurable Objectives:

 Prevention activities (Committed Campus and Botvin LifeSkills Training) will be implemented in two additional Siskiyou County middle and/or high schools as measured by an increase from one to three schools for Committed Campus, and zero to two schools for Botvin LifeSkills.

- The number of high school and middle school students who report past 30-day use of alcohol will decrease by 3% (SPP objective is 5% decrease by 2026) as measured by California Healthy Kids Survey (CHKS).
- The number of middle and high school students who report no perception of harm for alcohol use will decrease by 3% (SPP objective is 5% decrease by 2026) as measured by CHKS.
- The number of high school students who report experiencing school connectedness will increase by 3% (SPP objective is %5 by 2026) as measured by the CHKS.

Priority Area: Underage Cannabis Use

**Problem Statement:** Underage cannabis use is a priority for Siskiyou County because youth do not perceive cannabis use (past 30-day use) as harmful and report low school connectedness.

Goal: Decrease Underage Cannabis Use

#### Measurable Objectives:

- Prevention activities (Committed Campus and Botvin LifeSkills Training) will be implemented in two additional Siskiyou County middle and/or high schools as measured by an increase from one to three schools for Committed Campus, and zero to two schools for Botvin LifeSkills.
- The number of high school and middle school students who report past 30-day use of cannabis will decrease by 3% (SPP goal is 5% by 2026) as measured by CHKS).
- The number of middle and high school students who report no perceptions of harm for cannabis use will decrease by 3% (SPP goal is 5% by 2026) as measured by the CHKS.
- The number of high school students who report experiencing school connectedness will increase by 3% (SPP goal is 5% by 2026) as measured by CHKS.

#### c. Program Description:

Siskiyou County's Prevention Programs reduce alcohol and drug use through their support of healthy lifestyle choices, by providing youth and family educational opportunities, through collaborative planning with community stakeholders and partners, by providing youth development activities, and through environmental prevention efforts.

#### Campus Committed (Alternative Strategy):

The Campus Committed program trains student leaders and empowers them to teach peers advocacy skills to end underage drinking and to address the ways in which the alcohol industry saturates youth with the message to use. Campus Committed programs reduce bullying and harassment and the stigma associated with depression and isolation. Student leaders and advisors attend the annual Reach for the Future Conference, a three-day event based on a youth development framework, providing leadership skills, support and opportunities for young people.

The role of the Prevention Specialist in the Committed Chapter programs is that of a trainer and mentor. Committed Chapters are student led, and overseen by an on-site advisor (typically a teacher). Advisors and students receive annual training from the Prevention Specialist who monitors and oversees the program throughout the academic year.

#### Botvin LifeSkills Training (Education & Alternative Strategies):

Botvin LifeSkills Training (LST) is a research-validated substance abuse prevention program proven to reduce the risks of alcohol, tobacco, drug abuse, and violence by targeting the major social and psychological factors that promote the initiation of substance use and other risky behavior. Botvin promotes healthy alternatives to risky behavior through activities designed to:

- Teach students the necessary skills to resist social (peer) pressures to smoke, drink, and use drugs
- Help students to develop greater self-esteem and self-confidence
- Enable students to effectively cope with anxiety
- Increase their knowledge of the immediate consequences of substance abuse
- Enhance cognitive and behavioral competency to reduce and prevent a variety of health-risk behaviors

Botvin LifeSkills Training has demonstrated effectiveness in reducing cannabis use by 75% and alcohol use by 60%.

#### d. Cultural Competency:

The Behavioral Health Division (BHD) is committed to providing culturally competent services that are effective, equitable, understandable, respectful and responsive to a diverse culture of health beliefs and practices. BHD staff participate in a minimum of three cultural competency trainings per year and are encouraged to seek out other training and activities to enhance their understanding and competence in working with culturally diverse clients. Education on the CLAS standards is included in annual trainings. Training is also provided to specifically address cultural competency for diverse ethnic and cultural groups in the Siskiyou County area, including tribal, criminally involved, and other minority groups.

Currently, BHD employs two bilingual Spanish speakers and contracts with the Language Line for services in all other languages. Translation services are provided at no cost to beneficiaries.

#### e. Target Population:

Siskiyou County Behavioral Health's prevention programs target youth in grades 4 through 12 and their parents.

#### f. Staffing Chart:

ARPA and CRRSAA SABG Supplemental will provide Siskiyou County with an opportunity to create one additional FTE Behavioral Health Specialist I/II (Prevention Specialist) position.

#### g. Implementation Plan:

Siskiyou County's Campus Committed program was implemented prior to FY 2019-2020, and will be implemented again in FY 2021-2022. Botvin LifeSkills Training program is new to Siskiyou County. Siskiyou County's Strategic Prevention Plan was implemented July 2, 2021. The implementation plan for Campus Committed and Botvin LifeSkills is as follows:

November 2021	Recruit and onboard BHS I/II (Prevention Specialist)
November 2021	Train on Botvin LifeSkills and Campus
	Committed
November 2021	Identify schools for implementation
December 2021	Implement Botvin LifeSkills and expand
	Campus Committed programming to additional
	Siskiyou County schools

#### h. Program Evaluation Plan:

The AOD Administrator is responsible for implementation and oversight of the ARPA and CRRSAA SABG programs. Program outcome evaluations are based on pre- and post-tests completed by participants in each Prevention program. Program evaluation includes review of the following:

- Pre-/post-tests gathered from Committed Chapters
- Botvin LifeSkills outcome measures
- California Healthy Kids Survey (CHKS) report

#### i. ARPA and CRRSAA Supplement Tracking

Siskiyou County will track and report separately on SABG Prime, ARPA, and CRRSAA funds. Each funding source is tracked independently via established activity codes.

#### ARPA Complete Expenditure of Funds

The County anticipates it will fully expend ARPA SABG funds by June 30, 2024. In the event the County is unable to fully expend the allocation by June 30, 2025, the County will provide notification to DHCS by January 1, 2025.

#### k. CRRSA Complete Expenditure of Funds

The County anticipates it will fully expend CRRSA SABG funds by December 31, 2022. In the event the County is unable to fully expend the allocation by December 31, 2022, the County will provide notification to DHCS by June 30, 2022.

Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment Block Grant (SABG)

Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act (CRRSAA Funding Allocation & Application

July 1, 2021-December 31, 2022

County of Siskiyou Health and Human Services Agency

Behavioral Health Division

Program Description Narrative

Adolescent Youth Set-Aside

August 2021

Sarah Collard, Ph.D., Director, County of Siskiyou Health and Human Services Division,
Behavioral Health Division

Toby Reusze, CADC II, LAADC, Siskiyou County AOD Administrator

#### a. Statement of Purpose:

The Siskiyou County Health and Human Services Agency, Behavioral Health Division's (BHD) Transformations Program is dedicated to ensuring that youth suffering from substance use disorders receive timely and necessary substance use screening and treatment services. Services are developmentally appropriate, culturally competent, integrated, trauma informed, and utilize evidenced practices that build upon the strength and resilience of adolescents, their families, and communities. The Substance Abuse Block Grant (SABG) Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act (CRRSAA) funds will be used to provide services to Siskiyou County youth ages 12-20 whose lives are impacted by substance use/abuse. Without intervention, substance using youth are more likely to experience school failure, end up in emergency departments, psychiatric hospitals, juvenile detention centers, residential treatment facilities or worse. Data suggests that the Covid-19 crisis has led to increased substance use across populations, and the need for intervention and treatment is more urgent than ever. Transformations staff, in collaboration with juvenile justice, Siskiyou County courts, Child Welfare Services, College of the Siskiyou's SUD internship program, the Public Health outreach van, schools, Adult and Children's Systems of Care, and other medical and mental health staff will utilize SABG CRRSAA funding to ensure Siskiyou County youth receive timely access to necessary substance use treatment screening and services.

#### b. Measurable Outcome Objectives:

On July 1, 2020, Siskiyou County in collaboration with the Department of Health Care Services, other participating counties and Partnership HealthPlan, implemented the DMC-ODS Wellness and Recovery Regional Model program. Throughout the planning and implementation process, Regional Model participants committed to expanding the continuum of services and supports for youth and families struggling with substance use and substance use disorders. The SABG CRRSAA funds will provide Siskiyou County with an opportunity to expand services by building upon established objectives as follows:

- Increase the number of youth served with SABG funding by 2%.
- Increase the number of youth that successfully complete treatment by 2% as measured by CalOMS discharge codes.

#### c. Program Description (Transformations):

The SABG CRRSAA program with expand upon the existing SABG programming which is designed to facilitate screening, assessment and treatment of adolescents ages 12-20 who present with substance use behavior that is impacting their lives in significant ways. It is intended to be utilized to supplement MediCal or private insurance SUD services, and may be used if a beneficiary's coverage is exhausted, there is a gap in coverage, or to provide cost-sharing assistance on a case-by-case basis in accordance with SABG guidelines. All youth

entering the Transformations program are assessed using the American Society of Addiction Medicine (ASAM) criteria, and all services are evidenced based. SABG CRRSAA funds will be used to cover staff cost and service delivery associated with providing substance abuse linkage and treatment and/or dual diagnosis treatment services. Services may be clinic based, provided in schools, including court or community schools, at home, in juvenile rehabilitation facilities, or other community sites. Transportation is provided to services if otherwise unavailable to participants. Underserved youth in the community may receive any one or a combination of the following services:

- 1) Outreach and Engagement: Outreach services target youth in at-risk environments, and are aimed at identifying substance abusing youth and encouraging them to take advantage of treatment opportunities. Outreach includes education for professionals on available treatment services to enhance referral opportunities. Outreach activities prioritize linkage to public systems already serving youth with AOD problems including schools, child welfare, mental health and juvenile justice systems.
- 2) <u>Screening:</u> Limited screening is currently conducted utilizing the Adolescent Alcohol and Drug Involvement Scale. Efforts to expand developmentally appropriate, simple and easy to use screening to youth throughout the county is underway.
- Assessment: Youth requesting SUD services from Behavioral Health, and those referred by primary care providers, child welfare, schools, the juvenile justice system or local emergency rooms who are identified as having substance use behavior are eligible for assessment by a Registered/Certified Substance Abuse Counselor. Information gathered during the assessment process, including information provided by the youth, family members, child welfare, probation, education or other relevant entities or individuals is used to identify the level of severity, appropriate level of care, to help define services the individual adolescent needs, and to provide appropriate referrals. Assessments are culturally sensitive, gender specific and trauma informed. Included in the assessment process is identification of developmental and cognitive levels, social, emotional and communication abilities and strengths, supports and resilience along with motivation and readiness for treatment. The assessment process is ongoing throughout each episode of care.
- 4) Treatment and Recovery Planning: Treatment services include, but are not limited to, treatment planning, developmentally appropriate counseling services, family interventions and support systems, educational and vocational activities, structured recovery related activities, alcohol and drug testing, case management and care coordination with existing mental health, health, social, educational, mentoring, and employment programs that provide services to youth, discharge planning, and

continuing care. Medication management services may be provided as part of an individualized treatment plan to support youth who require support with withdrawal or recovery. Based upon the appropriate level of care, as determined by the assessment, adolescents may receive one or more of the following: outpatient, intensive outpatient, partial hospitalization, residential, inpatient, continuing care, and/or recovery support services. SUD counseling services may be provided individually, or in groups, and may include family counseling sessions.

5) Residential Treatment: Every effort is made by the County SUD program staff to maintain youth in the least restrictive environment. In the event less restrictive environments prove ineffective and the only way to protect a youth from harm to self or others is residential placement, a youth may be placed in residential care based upon the ASAM guidelines. The DMC-ODS Wellness and Recovery Regional Model partners are working in collaboration with Partnership HealthPlan to develop residential treatment programs for youth to better meet the treatment needs of this population.

#### d. Cultural Competency:

The Behavioral Health Division is committed to providing culturally competent services that are effective, equitable, understandable, respectful and responsive to a diverse culture of health beliefs and practices. Ongoing training is provided to staff to ensure that services are provided in a manner that is culturally competent and responsive to the needs of the communities we serve. BHD staff participate in a minimum of three cultural competency trainings per year and are encouraged to seek out other training and activities to enhance their understanding and competence in working with culturally diverse clients. BHD subscribes to Relias and CE4less, and all BHD counselors and clinical staff have free access to training opportunities on cultural competence and other relevant topics. Education on the CLAS standards is included in annual trainings. Training is also provided to specifically address cultural competency for diverse ethnic and cultural groups in the Siskiyou County area, including tribal, criminally involved and other minority groups.

Currently, BHD employs two bilingual Spanish speakers, and contracts with the Language Line for services in all other languages. Translation services are provided at no cost to beneficiaries.

#### e. Target Population:

The target population for SABG CRRSAA funds are youth ages 12-20 suffering from substance use and substance use disorders. Treatment preferences are as follows:

- Pregnant IVDSs;
- Pregnant substance abusers;

- IVDUs; and
- All other eligible individuals.

Youth receiving SABG CRRSAA services are frequently underserved and have complex life circumstances that if left unmet, could lead to poor community, school and home functioning, incarceration, psychiatric hospitalization and possibly death. Special emphasis will be placed on youth involved in the criminal justice and behavioral health systems, and perinatal services admission priority, as above, will be given to pregnant adolescents.

#### f. Staffing Chart:

The SABG CRRSAA funded Transformations youth program is staffed by Registered/Certified SUD Counselors with oversight and support from the Alcohol and Other Drugs (AOD) Administrator and SUD Health Support Assistant.

Registered/Certified SUD Counselor	Funding Period 1	.020 FTE
Will not be used	Funding Period 2	N/A

#### g. Implementation Plan

The Transformations program is fully implemented. Current funding is not sufficient to administer a single comprehensive program and SABG CRRSAA funding will be used to ensure continuity of care for enrolled clients and for outreach in linking clients to other necessary services, such as mental health services. Expansion of services will commence upon funding availability, with full implementation by February 2022.

#### h. Program Evaluation Plan

Program evaluation will be achieved primarily through analysis of data in the electronic health record system (currently Anasazi) as well as the billing/claiming records. This program is monitored on an ongoing basis and data analyzed quarterly by the AOD Administrator. The MHP also meets approximately twice monthly with Partnership HealthPlan to monitor and discuss Wellness and Recovery services. Any identified problems are resolved on a case-by-case basis.

#### i. CRRSAA SABG Supplement Tracking

The County will establish an activity code prior to receipt of CRRSAA funds. All CRRSA funds will be tracked separately from prime and ARPA SABG awards utilizing this activity code.

#### j. CRRSAA Complete Expenditure of Funds

The County anticipates it will fully expend CRRSA SABG funds by December 31, 2022. In the event the County is unable to fully expend the allocation by December 31, 2022, the County will provide notification to DHCS by June 30, 2022.					
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**Department of Health Care Services** 

**Funding Period Current ICR** 

07-01-22 to 12-31-22 24.39%

Ver 1.4

Category	Amount
Staff Expenses	\$ 7,976.81
Consultant/Contract Costs	\$ 24,291.17
Equipment	\$
Supplies	\$ -
Travel	\$
Other Expenses	\$
Indirect Costs	\$ 10,412.29
County Support Administrative Direct Costs	\$
Total Cost	\$ 42,680.27

Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment Block Grant (SABG)

Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act (CRRSAA)

Funding Allocation & Application

July 1, 2021-December 31, 2022

County of Siskiyou Health and Human Services Agency

Behavioral Health Division

Program Description Narrative

Recovery Housing Support

August 2021

Sarah Collard, Ph.D., Director, County of Siskiyou Health and Human Services Division,
Behavioral Health Division

Toby Reusze, CADC II, LAADC, Siskiyou County AOD Administrator

#### a. Statement of Purpose:

Siskiyou County Behavioral Health's mission is to provide treatment and supportive services to all eligible beneficiaries, including youth, to prevent and treat substance use disorders. Research has shown that substance use disorders increase the likelihood of incarceration, hospitalization and early death for individuals who do not have access to treatment. In collaboration with Partnership HealthPlan, the courts, the Probation Department, Adult and Children's Services, College of the Siskiyou's, employment services, the Siskiyou County Jail and local primary care providers, Behavioral Health seeks to provide client centered care that leads to recovery and ensures the success of participants with regard to their functioning as positive members of society.

#### b. Measurable Outcome Objectives for July 1, 2021-December 31, 2022:

Siskiyou County' Substance Use Disorder (SUD) treatment program recognizes that Recovery Residences play an integral role in the recovery process.

**Problem Statement:** Currently, Siskiyou County has no Recovery Residences within the county borders.

**Goal:** Provide Recovery Housing Support services to Siskiyou County program participants under contract with Visions of the Cross in Shasta County.

**Objective:** Provide Recovery Housing Support services to 45 program participants by December 31, 2022.

#### c. Program Description:

Recovery Residences provide program participants with short term (up to 24 months) safe and sober living environments in which to continue their recovery. With implementation of the Wellness and Recovery DMC-ODS program, Siskiyou County has experienced a significant increase in the number of individuals entering recovery residences. CRRSAA funding will support this increase in demand and ensure that this vital service is available to all eligible participants. Recovery Housing Support services include room and board, counseling, drug testing, gym membership and case management.

#### d. Cultural Competency

The Behavioral Health Division is committed to providing culturally competent services that are effective, equitable, understandable, respectful and responsive to a diverse culture of health beliefs and practices. Ongoing training is provided to staff to ensure that services are provided in a manner that is culturally competent and responsive to the needs of the communities we serve. BHD staff participate in a minimum of three cultural competency trainings per year and are encouraged to seek out other training and activities to enhance their understanding and competence in working with culturally diverse clients. BHD subscribes to Relias and CE4less,

and all BHD counselors and clinical staff have free access to training opportunities on cultural competence and other relevant topics. Education on the CLAS standards is included in annual trainings. Training is also provided to specifically address cultural competency for diverse ethnic and cultural groups in the Siskiyou County area, including tribal, criminally involved and other minority groups.

Currently, BHD employs two bilingual Spanish speakers, and contracts with the Language Line for services in all other languages. Translation services are provided at no cost to beneficiaries.

#### e. Target Population/Service Area:

Siskiyou County's CRRSAA Supplemental SABG Recovery Support funds will be used to serve adults, including perinatal beneficiaries, and their children who meet medical necessity criteria for service. Not unlike other rural northern counties, according to the US Census/QuickFacts, Siskiyou County's population is predominately White (75.2%) although the county is slowly diversifying, and is 13.2% Hispanic and 5.1% American Indian/Native American. Persons 65 years and older comprise 26.1% of the population compared with a 14.8% average across other counties in California. The percentage of Siskiyou County residents living in poverty is 17.4%, significantly above the state average of 11.8%. The COVID-19 pandemic continues to impact Siskiyou County communities, and the devastating Slater fire of 2020, and currently the Lava, Antelope and River Complex fires have left many residents without housing. The median household income in Siskiyou County is \$45,241 compared with California's overall median household income of \$75,235.

The Siskiyou County SUD program (including Recovery Housing Support services) specifically targets pregnant woman and women with dependent children, and IVDUs. Established treatment preferences for these target populations are as follows:

- Pregnant IVDUs;
- Pregnant substance abusers;
- IVDUs; and
- All other eligible individuals.

#### f. Staffing Chart:

Recovery Housing Support services are provided under contract with Visions of the Cross with oversight and monitoring by the Alcohol and Other Drugs (AOD) Administrator. The County's contract with Visions of the Cross has a term date of 6/30/2023 to ensure these vital supports are in place for Siskiyou County residents through the SABG CRRSAA Funding Periods 1 and 2...

#### g. Implementation Plan:

Siskiyou County's Recovery Housing Support services are fully implemented. The County has an existing rate contract with a Recovery Housing provider that allows for program expansion without an amendment. Implementation of Recovery Support Housing utilizing CRRSA funds is as follows:

Funding Period 1	1/1/22-6/30/22	\$32,129.82	
Funding Period 2	7/1/22-12/31/22	\$32,129.82	

#### h. Program Evaluation Plan

Recovery Housing Support services are monitored by the AOD Administrator in collaboration with county fiscal staff. All clients receiving Recovery Housing Support services are monitored by placing counselors who maintain contact with program staff as well as clients for the duration of each client stay. Invoices for residential stays are monitored monthly to ensure adequate documentation is provided for these services. The AOD Administrator monitors Recovery Housing Support service providers on an annual basis to ensure compliance with SABG regulations. Monitoring tools are submitted to DHCS. Participation in off-site treatment services is monitored via sign in sheets collected for each participant in the program. Any issues identified through the monitoring process are addressed by the counselor, and/or AOD administrator as appropriate.

#### i. CRRSAA SABG Supplement Tracking

The County will establish an activity code prior to receipt of CRRSAA funds. All CRRSA funds will be tracked separately from prime and ARPA SABG awards utilizing this activity code.

#### CRRSAA Complete Expenditure of Funds

The County anticipates it will fully expend CRRSA SABG funds by December 31, 2022. In the event the County is unable to fully expend the allocation by December 31, 2022, the County will provide notification to DHCS by June 30, 2022.

**Department of Health Care Services** 

**Funding Period** 

07-01-21 to 06-30-2022

Current ICR 24.39%

## Ver 1.4

Category	Amount
Staff Expenses	\$ 66,200.10
Consultant/Contract Costs	\$ 24,291.17
Equipment	\$
Supplies	\$
Travel	\$
Other Expenses	\$
Indirect Costs	\$ 24,125.64
County Support Administrative Direct Costs	\$
Total Cost	\$ 114,616.91

Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment Block Grant (SABG)

American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA)

Supplemental Funding Allocation & Application

County of Siskiyou Health and Human Services Agency

Behavioral Health Division

CalMHSA Semi-Statewide Enterprise Health Record Project

Discretionary Set-Aside

August 2021

Sarah Collard, Ph.D., Director, County of Siskiyou Health and Human Services Division,
Behavioral Health Division

Toby Reusze, CADC II, LAADC, Siskiyou County AOD Administrator

#### a. Statement of Purpose

Siskiyou County is actively searching to replace its current Electronic Health Record (EHR). The current EHR vendor is sunsetting support of its system while simultaneously the rapidly increasing complexity of Mental Health Plan (including Substance Use Disorder program) administration under the upcoming CalAIM transformations mark this as a crucial time to update our Health Information Technology (HIT) to meet the challenges ahead. While typical EHR vendors provide adequate support for core Drug Medi-Cal service and billing functions, no current vendor offers an EHR that supports the full range of county behavioral health business requirements. No system provides us with the powerful tools we need to adequately track network capacity, productivity, and responsiveness; to operate as effective partners in health care collaboration, and to produce high quality, benchmarked reporting on access, quality, and outcomes of services including equity measures. For this reason, Siskiyou County proposes to participate in an emerging Semi-Statewide Electronic Enterprise Health Record Initiative that is being spearheaded by the California Mental Health Services Authority (CalMHSA). CalMHSA, a Joint Powers Authority (JPA) operating on behalf of California counties is utilizing its unique position to launch an RFP to engage EHR vendors to create a tool that truly meets our CA-specific enterprise needs.

#### b. Measurable Outcome Objectives

This program explicitly aims to consolidate data capture for activities that span the clinical, business and reporting activities of the Substance Use Disorder programs as opposed to the current narrow focus on Medi-Cal funded activities and populations.

**Problem Statement:** Current data collection system/Electronic Health Record (EHR) is antiquated, time consuming and does not capture data points necessary to meet reporting requirement.

**Goal:** Implement new EHR that provides accurate, accessible data, reduces staff documentation time and increases time available for direct client care.

**Objective:** Identify vendor through the Request for Proposal (RFP) process in collaboration with CalMHSA, and provide funding to support development of Enterprise Health Record.

#### c. Program Description:

Siskiyou County will join CalMHSA Semi-Statewide Enterprise Health Record Program by entering into a Participation Agreement (PA) with CalMHSA. This PA cost is priced by county-size and funds the Enterprise Health Record RFP development and EHR vendor selection process. In parallel with these activities, Siskiyou County will work with CalMHSA to prepare the county for transition to both a new EHR vendor and the future CalAIM

requirements. CalMHSA will work with Siskiyou developing transitional strategies to support Short Doyle billing and cost reporting activities to bridge operations in advance of payment reform go-live. Additionally, CalMHSA will leverage national expertise on counties' behalf to designing efficient and robust data collection strategies, including meta-tagging and use of dynamic user interfaces.

#### d. Cultural Competency:

A key aim of the Semi-Statewide EHR Program is to improve the accuracy, uniformity and completeness of our data collection, which impacts our understanding of the populations we treat and their care outcomes. We will be able to collect outcomes beyond standard Medi-Cal demographic categories to better support our diversity, equity and inclusion work. This information will be available for decision making on all levels and will support the efforts of the Siskiyou County Cultural Competency Committee in recommending system improvements to reach underserved communities. The Cultural Competence Committee is comprised of county and partnering agency staff, and community members. This body contributes to Cultural Competency Plans/updates, sets the annual training agenda, and assists community providers with their cultural competency plans, practices.

#### e. Target Population/Service Areas:

The target population for this Semi-Statewide Enterprise Health Record Project includes all individuals who turn to or are referred to the MHP for intervention. This population includes all consumers who are identified with a diagnosis that meets the criteria for a Substance Use Disorder. This population also includes those who are in need of substance use treatment who have not been formally diagnosed. The target population includes those with Medi-Cal as well as those who are indigent and underserved or may have an inability to pay.

#### f. Staffing:

Siskiyou County will be entering into an agreement with a contractor, CalMHSA, to accomplish the activities in this program. The County will develop a multiyear contract or review contract with contractor annually to cover the funding periods 2, 3, and 4 as appropriate.

Contract - CalMHSA	Funding Period 1		
Contract - CalMHSA	Funding Period 2		
Contract - CalMHSA	Funding Period 3		
Contract - CalMHSA	Funding Period 4		

#### g. Implementation Plan:

The Semi-Statewide EHR Initiative includes achieving set milestones and deliverables within a project timeline:

Contract	Funding Period	Timeline	Deliverable
CalMHSA	1	September 2021	RFP Issuance
CalMHSA	1	September -December 2021	Vendor Selection
CalMHSA	1	September 2021 – June 2022	Subject Matter Expert Work
CalMHSA	1	January 2022 – June 2022	Solution Development
CalMHSA	2	July 2022 – June 2023	Go-Live preparation
CalMHSA	3	July 2023 – June 2024	Implementation
CalMHSA	4	July 2024 – June 2025	Siskiyou County Configurations/Enhancements

#### h. Program Evaluation Plan:

Siskiyou County will monitor program progress based upon reports provided by CalMHSA. CalMHSA will report monthly on this program and provide any updates or adjustments to the implementation plan, as relevant. County will evaluate EHR vendor selected via the RFP process, and determine if fully implementing EHR is appropriate based upon knowledge and capabilities to meet California regulations and standards.

#### ARPA SABG Supplement Tracking:

The program activities funded by this supplement are entirely separate from the activities funded in the primary program components. CalMHSA is responsible for monthly reporting of activities to all participating counties as they pertain to this program. The County will establish an activity code prior to receipt of ARPA funds. All ARPA funds will be tracked separately from prime and CRRSAA SABG awards utilizing this activity code.

#### I. ARPA Complete Expenditure of Funds:

CalMHSA will provide a full and complete accounting of the activities funded under this supplement. Activities in the Implementation Plan are benchmarked against dates which will ensure utilization of these funds to support the Siskiyou County participation in the Semi-Statewide EHR program by the end of the allocation period. In the event the County is unable to fully expend the allocation by June 30, 2025, the County will provide notification to DHCS by January 1, 2025.

Department of Health Care Services Funding Period 09-01-2021 to 06-30-2022

Current ICR

24.39%

Ver 1.4

Category	Amount
Staff Expenses \$	77,946.19
Consultant/Contract Costs \$	20,678.28
Equipment \$	
Supplies \$	*
Travel \$	
Other Expenses \$	
Indirect Costs \$	18,386.14
County Support Administrative Direct Costs \$	*
Total Cost \$	117,010.61

Department of Health Care Services Funding Period 07-01-2022 to 06-30-2023

**Current ICR** 

24.39%

Ver 1.4

	Category	Amount
	Staff Expenses	\$ 25,343.96
	Consultant/Contract Costs	\$ 20,678.25
	Equipment	\$
	Supplies	\$ <u> </u>
	Travel	\$
	Other Expenses	\$
	Indirect Costs	\$ 5,731.25
Co	unty Support Administrative Direct Costs	\$ 90
	Total Cost	\$ 51,753.46

Department of Health Care Services
Funding Period 07-01-2023 to 06-30-2024
Current ICR 24.39% Ver 1.4

Amount	Category
	Staff Expenses
20,678.25	Consultant/Contract Costs
	Equipment
	Supplies
	Travel
	Other Expenses
	Indirect Costs
	County Support Administrative Direct Costs
20,678.25	Total Cost

Department of Health Care Services
Funding Period 07-01-2024 to 06-30-2025

**Current ICR** 

0.24%

Ver 1.4

Category	Amount
Staff Expenses	\$ 4
Consultant/Contract Costs	\$ 20,678.25
Equipment	\$
Supplies	\$
Trave	\$
Other Expenses	\$
Indirect Costs	\$ 4
County Support Administrative Direct Costs	\$
Total Cost	\$ 20,678.25