

Overview of Recent Funding for the Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment (SAPT) Block Grant

There have been three recent investments in the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration's (SAMHSA) Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment (SAPT) Block Grant. We offer an overview and details below.

Consolidated Appropriations Act: In December 2020, Congress approved and President Trump signed the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2021 (P.L. 116-260). The law includes, among many provisions, two separate investments in the SAPT Block Grant: \$1.858 billion through the annual or "regular" FY 2021 appropriations process and \$1.65 billion in supplemental funding provided as part of the law's section dedicated to COVID-19 relief.

The American Rescue Plan: In March 2021, Congress approved and President Biden signed the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (P.L. 117-2). The law includes an additional separate allotment in the SAPT Block Grant: \$1.5 billion in longer term supplemental funding for the SAPT Block Grant.

Annual FY 2021 Appropriations as part of Consolidated Appropriations Act (December 2020)

- **Total appropriation:** \$1.858 billion
- **No changes to requirements under the existing statute:** Maintains requirements governing the existing set-asides.
- **Flexibility in allowable uses:** There is no flexibility in allowable use funds for this allocation to the SAPT Block Grant.
- **Application due date:** As identified in the SAPT Block Grant application.
- **Timeline:** States have until September 30, 2022 to spend these funds.



Supplemental Funding as part of Consolidated Appropriations Act (December 2020)

- **Total appropriation:** \$1.65 billion
- **No changes to requirements under the existing statute:** Maintains requirements governing the existing set-asides.
 - Flexibility in allowable uses: Final legislative text says SAMHSA "... shall maintain the 20 percent set-aside for prevention, but *may waive requirements with respect to allowable activities, timelines, or reporting requirements* for the Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment Block Grant... as deemed necessary to facilitate a grantee's response to coronavirus."
- **Application due date:** April 5, 2021
- **Timeline:** States have until March 14, 2023 to spend these funds.
- **Award amounts by State:** SAMHSA released a [list of award amounts by State](#) for these supplemental funds.

Supplemental Funding as part of the American Rescue Plan Act (March 2021)

- **Total appropriation:** \$1.5 billion
- **No changes to requirements under the existing statute:** Maintains requirements governing the existing set-asides.
- **Flexibility in allowable uses:** There is no flexibility in allowable use of funds for this allocation to the SAPT Block Grant.
- **Application due date:** To be determined.
- **Timeline:** Allows States until September 30, 2025 to spend these supplemental funds. As noted above, the application due date is to be determined.

