

# Behavioral Health Forum

September 6, 2023



# Agenda

Welcome

Currently Active / Planned Buckets

Design Discussion and Vote: Internship Support Bucket

Presentation: Peer Apprenticeships

Looking Ahead

<b>Big Buckets</b>	<b>Dollar Amount</b>
Workforce Retention & Expansion	\$540,000
Training & Education – EBPs	\$310,000
Peers & CHWs	\$230,000
Emerging Opportunities	\$123,906
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1,203,906</b>

# Behavioral Health Forum Guiding Principles

**Support, enhance, and sustain current workforce opportunities and existing promising approaches.**

**Support organizations led by impacted populations and those with lived experience.**

**Responsive to community-identified needs and priorities.**

**Qualifying rather than competitive funding decision-making (based on eligibility criteria rather than ranking system).**

**Accessible: reduce/remove barriers to apply and access funding.**

**Adaptable: change over time as we learn.**

**Collaborative, using participatory budgeting and other participant-driven methods.**

**We make decisions that lead to a more diverse workforce in terms of demographics and roles.**

**We work to de-silo the behavioral health system and create alignment and collaboration across organizations.**

# Currently Active / Planned

## BH Supervision Support

- \$150,000 allocated
- Current contracts with 15 organizations at \$10,000 each
- 6 new orgs and 9 returning orgs
- Funding opportunity is closed. Reporting will continue over the next few years to track results

## SUDP Alternative Certification Coursework

- \$66,000 allocated, \$5499 per person to enroll at CCS
- 10 slots still available between two rounds of BHT funding
- Contact Hannah to request funds or find out more

## SFCC Scholarship

- \$45,000 allocated to support students in the Bachelor's in Integrated Behavioral Health
- BHT contract now in place to distribute funds!
- First cohort starts this month, scholarship decisions based on applicant essays
- SFCC will report quarterly on data from the program

# Currently Active / Planned

## CHW/Peer Joint Trainings

- \$47,000
- Handed off to E. WA CHW Network
- Topical focus: culturally specific, accessibility
- Update from Kim Wilson

## CHW Training Program Funds (Emerging Opportunities)

- \$75,000
- Fund participation for CHW trainees who don't meet HRSA citizenship/resident requirements
- Update from Kim Wilson

## Certified Peer Counselor / WRAP Trainings

- \$60,000
- Dates for fall CPC by Passages: **November 13-17**. More information, including registration details, coming soon!
- Passages WRAP trainers working on re-certification.

# Design Discussion + Vote

## Internship Support Framework

- **Purpose:** provide financial support to organizations in BHT region that are training BH workforce through practicum/internship programs.
- **Potential areas for funding:** stipends for interns, offset lost billable hours for supervisors, fund staff time to build/support internship program.
- **Eligibility:** organizations providing BH services to Medicaid clients in BHT region, have current internship program for BH students or intend to start program, are current BHT partners. BHT screens partner and proposal to ensure requirements are met.
- **Application:** rolling timeline, online form, qualifying rather than competitive
- **Payment:** 50% at contract signing, 50% at six-month reporting
- **Reporting:** brief written reporting including budget with narrative at 6 months and annually. Final reporting includes intern-to-employee conversion, post-internship employment information if available.

# Design Discussion + Vote

## Internship Support Finances

**\$10,000 per organization  
15 awards available**

<b>Current Allocation</b>	<b>\$125,000</b>
<b>Pull from remaining balance workforce</b> <i>(\$154,000-\$25,000=\$129,000)</i>	<b>\$25,000</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$150,000</b>





# Peer Apprenticeships Presentation: The Training Fund

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# Prioritizing Next Steps

- Partner updates
- Peer apprenticeships (or practicum/internship model)
- Peer supervision support
- Training/Education – all workforce, master's/clinical workforce
- Other – please specify

*\*\* Input/comments in the chat \*\**

# Announcements