



December 9, 2022

Request for Applications (RFA) for Round 5: Crisis and Behavioral Health Continuum Program

Dear Provider,

The California Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) launched the Behavioral Health Continuum Infrastructure Program (BHICP) to address historic gaps in the behavioral health. This investment provides grant funding to construct new facilities and expand existing facilities that help children, youth, transition-age youth, and perinatal individuals with a mental health and/or substance use disorder.

In California, the rates of serious mental illness and substance use disorders are highest for individuals ages 18 to 25, and rates of children and youth experiencing behavioral health conditions, youth emergency department visits for mental health concerns, and youth suicides continue to rise.

DHCS is releasing \$2.1 billion through six grant rounds targeting various gaps in the state's behavioral health facility infrastructure.

Rounds 1 – 4 have already been awarded

- **Round 1:** Crisis Care Mobile Units;
- **Round 2:** County and Tribal Planning Grant;
- **Round 3:** Launch Ready;
- **Round 4:** Children and Youth grants include cities, counties, Tribal entities, nonprofits, and for-profit organizations statewide that serve target populations;

Round 5 funding is available, and applications are open

- **Round 5:** Crisis and Behavioral Health Continuum Request for Application for \$480 million was released on October 20, and awards will be made in spring 2023. This round of funding will continue to expand behavioral health service capacity across the state;
 - **Eligible applicants:** Counties, cities, tribal entities (including 638s and urban clinics), nonprofit organizations, and for-profit organizations whose projects reflect the State's priorities are eligible to apply for this funding.
 - **Pre-application survey Deadline:** December 27, 2022
https://buildingcaldata.smapply.us/prog/round_5_crisis_and_behavioral_health_continuum/
 - **Application Deadline:** January 17, 2023 | Before submitting an application, all applicants must complete a pre-application consultation survey. Once that has been submitted, the same button may be used to access the application itself.

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Round 6 funding will be available in late 2023

- **Round 6:** Outstanding Needs Remaining After Rounds 3 Through 5.

Additional resources

https://www.infrastructure.buildingcalhhs.com/wp-content/uploads/2022/09/BHCIP_Program-Update_R5_Final-9.28.22_508.pdf

<https://www.infrastructure.buildingcalhhs.com/grantees/rfa5/>

KHS posts all bulletins on the KHS website, www.kernfamilyhealthcare.com, choose Provider, then Bulletins.

For any questions, please contact your Provider Relations Representative at 1-800-391-2000.

Sincerely,

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