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To: Community-based organizations
Recovery support programs
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Subject: Application due date for COVID-19 funding opportunity extended to August 21, 2020

In response to community feedback, the Oregon Health Authority (OHA) is extending the application period for [one-time CARES Act behavioral health support funding](#) from August 17 to August 21, 2020.

- OHA will first review all applications submitted by August 17, 2020 at 12:01 a.m. Any funds remaining after this review will be available to organizations applying during the extended application period.
- OHA will continue to accept applications through August 21, 2020 at 11:59 p.m. Applications submitted by this time will be evaluated in the order received until all funds are awarded.
- OHA will notify all applicants about funding decisions no later than August 31, 2020.

What should you do?

Please submit your Letter of Intent as described in [OHA's August 7 announcement](#), and review the following frequently asked questions for more information.

- **What are the total available funds?** \$600,000 for recovery supports and \$1.5 million for community-based organizations. A smaller amount is available for projects that specifically serve the behavioral health needs of veterans and are related to the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic.
- **Do we have to designate which type of funding we're applying for?** No. When awarding funds, OHA will ensure the funds come from the appropriate source based on each organization's project goals.
- **Is there a limit on how much funding an organization can get? How much should we ask for?** There is no limit, as the amount of funding will be based on the number of applications that qualify. We suggest providing a budget based on your estimated costs and the number of people you expect to serve on a monthly, weekly, or total basis.
- **Does the money have to be completely spent by the end of this year?** Yes, this is intended to be a short-term, one-time emergency investment. All funding must be spent and services/supports completed by December 31, 2020.
- **What timeframe should our budget cover?** Funds can be used to cover expenditures from March 1 through December 31, 2020. For new programs, we suggest submitting a budget from September 1, 2020 through December 31, 2020. If applying for reimbursement for expenses already incurred, please note this in your application and explain how the expenses are related to COVID -19.

Questions?

If you have any questions about this announcement, please contact Brandy Hemsley at Brandy.L.Hemsley@dhsosha.state.or.us or 971-239-2942.

Thank you for your continued support of Oregon's behavioral health system and the services you provide.