

Applications are due February 7, 2024 by 5:00 PM (PST)

Instructions: Please review the guidance and questions carefully. Every question is required. You can save and return to this application, but we do recommend drafting the narrative responses in a separate document and pasting them into the application. To save, complete the eligibility questions, and click the “save and return” option. A link will be forwarded to your email to access the saved application. If you need support at any time, please email CCMU@ahpnet.com.

Funding Opportunity Description: DHCS has recently approved additional funding for eligible CCMU grantees to be used to fund direct service costs for mobile crisis teams. Funding may be up to \$2,200,000 for extra-large counties (10,000,000+ population), \$750,000 for large counties (750,000 - 10,000,000 population), \$500,000 for medium counties (200,000 – 750,000 population), and \$250,000 for small counties (<75,000 – 200,000 population). Funding is dependent on availability.

Eligibility: The following three questions determine eligibility. You must respond to each question in order to continue:

1. Please check the response that appropriately describe your program:

As a CCMU Implementation Grantee, we expended all contracted CRRSAA funding on 12/31/2023

As a CCMU Implementation Grantee, we have expended all contracted CRRSAA funding prior to 9/30/23

We are a previous CCMU planning grantee who is now implementing mobile crisis teams

None of the above. We are not eligible for this funding.

We acknowledge that we must provide services with this new funding by 4/1/2024 or forfeit funding.

We acknowledge

We acknowledge that we must execute the contract modification within 60 days of receipt.

We acknowledge

Allowable direct service costs include: salaries of mobile crisis team staff (including shift differentials), recruitment costs, and signing bonuses. This funding is to be used between January 1, 2024 – June 30, 2025.

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Fresno

County Size:

Large

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Amount Requested:

750000

Firm justification of funding, including description of gap services or non-Medi-Cal services to be funded. (8000 character limit)

Fresno County (Fresno) is requesting additional funding to support its implementation of state-mandated Medi-Cal Mobile Crisis Benefit Services under Behavioral Health Information Notice No. 23-025. Fresno needed to expand its existing mobile crisis services, which comprised a crisis intervention team clinician co-responding to behavioral health crisis in the community with law enforcement from 6 AM to midnight and case manager providing follow-up on weekdays from 8 AM to 5 PM. The mandated expansion included a 24/7 hotline for dispatch of a two-member team responding without standardly involving law enforcement. Fresno must account for the services provided to community members under this expansion who are not Medi-Cal beneficiaries, and thus will not be reimbursable by Medi-Cal Financial Participation. The Medi-Cal reimbursable services do not fully account for services provided by mobile crisis hotline operators/dispatchers. Additionally, Fresno was awarded a school-based mobile crisis pilot through California Health Financing and Facilities Authority (CHFFA) to add 4 clinicians, 4 case managers, and 8 vehicles. With additional clinical direct service staff, more supervision and administrative oversight of the program is also needed along with data collection, outcomes analysis and program evaluation.

The additional CCMU funding will be used specifically for expansion of direct clinical services needed under the Medi-Cal Mobile Crisis Benefit. Under Fresno's state-approved implementation plan, the staffing pattern for the two-member team will include clinicians and case managers. Fresno and its current contracted provider, Kings View, recognized the need not only for more clinicians and case managers but also some of those positions to provide supervisory or lead roles for 24/7/365 coverage. The funding would also account for shift differentials as well as differentials between assignments to metropolitan or rural communities.

Identification of existing staff or staff to be hired (with confirmed hiring plan and timeline). (8000 character limit)

Effective Fresno's state-approved Medi-Cal Mobile Crisis Benefit Implementation Plan on 12/31/23, Fresno has been relying on contracted provider Kings View to utilize in-kind 4 FTE dispatch counselors from their Central Valley 988 program to cover the 24/7 Fresno County Mobile Crisis Hotline. It is anticipated that additional dispatch counselors and clinical staff may be needed as Fresno and the contracted provider ramps up marketing of the 24/7 mobile crisis hotline and Medi-Cal mobile crisis services.

Fresno expects its contracted provider to have a staffing distribution plan that is flexible to be able cover all models of its mobile crisis programs for cost efficiency. As such, Fresno and Kings View identified the addition of 3.5 FTE clinicians and 7 FTE case managers needed for Medi-Cal Mobile Crisis services effective January 23, 2024. 1 clinician will have a clinical supervisor role and 2 case managers will have lead roles. As

of February 23, 2024, 2 FTE clinicians and 3 FTE case managers have been hired. Kings View continues to actively recruit.

Description of funding use without supplanting from other sources. (8000 character limit) (8000 character limit)

Fresno's current crisis programs are funded with Mental Health Services Act Prevention and Early Intervention (MHSA PEI), Crisis Care Mobile Unit (CCMU) grant, Mental Health Realignment, and estimated Medi-Cal and Drug Medi-Cal Federal Financial Participation. Fresno anticipates the need to reduce existing MHSA PEI allocations in our crisis programs as a result of upcoming changes in MHSA regulations, along with reduction in MH Realignment funds due to a need to cover intergovernmental transfers for our network of care. The additional CCMU funds would be used to support contracted provider [staff](#) and cover for services that will not be reimbursable by Medi-Cal and Drug Medi-Cal.