

PROVIDER ALERT

Funding Availability from SAMHSA Community Mental Health Centers (CMHC) Grant Program

April 16, 2021

The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), Center for Mental Health Services (CMHS), is accepting applications for fiscal year (FY) 2021 Community Mental Health Centers (CMHCs). The purpose of this program is to enable community mental health centers to support and restore the delivery of clinical services that were impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic and effectively address the needs of individuals with serious emotional disturbance (SED), serious mental illness (SMI), and individuals with SMI or SED and substance use disorders. SAMHSA recognizes the needs of individuals with behavioral health conditions, including minority populations and economically disadvantaged communities, have not been met during the pandemic and that CMHC staff and other caregivers have been impacted.

The Grant Application may be found at: [CMHC Grant Program](#)

Eligibility:

Community Mental Health Centers, including state and local government-operated Community Mental Health Centers, as defined by Section 1913 (c) of the Public Health Services Act. **Applicants must provide documentation of certification or licensure as a CMHC from their state and/or accreditation from a nationally recognized accreditation organization.**

As Maryland does not license CMHCs, the Behavioral Health Administration will provide documentation of "certification" to OMHCs that meet the criteria for a CMHC as set forth in federal law. To obtain "certification", complete the attached document and email to BHA.Licensing@Maryland.gov. In the subject line, put "GRANT and your OMHC's name.

Please review the provider affidavit [here](#). For additional questions regarding this alert, please send your inquiries to SusanR.Steinberg@maryland.gov.

Thank you,

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