



Block Grant Recovery Program

Frequently Asked Questions & Answers

1: Must furniture & telehealth items have been purchased in advance of the request?

A: Providers may submit in a request for items purchased as early as March 15, 2021. All requests must include an invoice and W9 and DMHAS will determine whether all requests are approved or denied.

2: Is there a limited amount of funding that will run out based on the first come first served?

A: As indicated in the provider alert, agencies may be approved for up to \$5,000 for furniture and \$5,000 for telehealth equipment. Exceptions may be made for providers with multiple service locations. This funding is expected to run through March 2023 depending on request volume.

3: Do you need a W9 for all requests?

A: Yes, a W9 must be submitted with all requests. This form should be completed by the provider for reimbursement of previously purchased items or by the vendor for direct payment.

4: What is the turnaround time for all requests?

A: Providers will be notified of the outcome of their request via fax within 30 days of the date of submission.

5: Can providers use the telehealth funding to purchase equipment for hybrid services taking place on-site, storing the equipment in the provider office?

A: As indicated in the alert, telehealth equipment is intended to be used for providers' clients to engage in telehealth appointments. Items may be kept on-site and distributed or loaned to clients. Please be sure to specify the use of equipment in the "Rationale for Request" section and DMHAS will review all requests on a case by case basis.

6: Who fills out the forms for Security Deposit requests?

A: The requesting provider completes the first page of the BGRP Security Deposit Request Form and the CT BOS CoC Homelessness Verification Form on the client's behalf. The client's potential landlord (or authorized agent) completes the Client Application for Security Deposit and W-9, and provides the client with a copy of the lease that will be used for the property. The client will supply proof of income to sustain the apartment after move-in. Clients may not submit applications directly.

7: My client does not yet have an apartment in place to fill out the forms for a security deposit assistance application. Can we submit it for a pre-approval to better his/her odds of being accepted to the apartment?

A: No. Security Deposit assistance is reviewed for a specific apartment; the forms are completed with information related to the property that will be rented. ABH cannot issue a pre-approval.

8: I am a treatment provider and would like to assist my clients in obtaining sober housing. How can I apply for them?

A: Sober housing (SRHS) providers will submit the application to ABH directly. Treatment providers may use the list of providers available at http://www.abhct.com/Programs_Services/BHRP/Forms_and_Resources/ to assist clients in calling for bed availability and beginning the admissions process.

9: Who fills out the forms for Utility requests?

A: The requesting provider completes the BGRP Utility Request Form and the client signs the bottom of the form. Clients may not submit applications directly.