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Connecticut Block Grant Recovery Program
Assistance with Furniture / Appliances and Telehealth Equipment

The DMHAS CT Block Grant Recovery Program grant provides funding to assist DMHAS-funded private, non-profit treatment providers and contracted sober houses, with accessing new/replacement furniture and appliances and telehealth equipment. Advanced Behavioral Health, Inc., the DMHAS administrative services agency, will process requests and, if approved, pay invoices on behalf of the provider.

- 1. Who is eligible for assistance with furniture and appliances?**

Effective January 10, 2022 all **DMHAS-funded Substance Use Disorder (SUD) providers*** (residential treatment, withdrawal management, recovery houses, and Supported Recovery Housing Services (SRHS)) are eligible to apply for assistance with new furniture and appliances.
- 2. What types and amount of furniture and appliances can be requested?**

Eligible **DMHAS-funded SUD providers*** can request any type of furniture and appliances – this may include, for example, bed frames, washing machines, vacuum cleaners, etc. A brief description of the items being requested and the rationale is required on the request form.
- 3. Who is eligible for assistance with telehealth equipment?**

DMHAS-funded SUD or Mental Health (MH) service providers* are eligible to apply for assistance with telehealth equipment.
- 4. What types and amount of telehealth equipment can be requested?**

DMHAS-funded SUD or MH providers can request any type of telehealth equipment. The equipment is primarily for a provider's clients to engage in telehealth appointments and may include tablets/iPads, smartphones, and web cameras. Purchased equipment is the property of the provider, who will distribute it directly to clients.
- 5. How will requests be processed and paid?**

Eligible providers will submit a request form to ABH, Inc. The request form must include all material (invoice, W-9) required to complete payment and a **rationale of how this request would assist in maintaining operations during the pandemic or help mitigate COVID-19 at your site.**

A review committee, including DMHAS staff, will make a determination on every request and will notify the requestor in writing within 30 days of receipt.

The request form(s) contain additional details including the fax number for submission.

6. Is there a maximum amount of funding available?

The maximum amount of reimbursement available, subject to change, per provider is:

- \$5,000 per agency for furniture; and
- \$5,000 per agency for telehealth equipment

Exceptions may be made for providers with multiple service locations.

**** DMHAS is allocated different SUD and MH Block Grants amounts, hence there are different resources available to SUD and MH providers***

If you have any questions regarding this Alert, please contact The CT Block Grant Recovery Program at ABH (860) 638-5333