

REQUEST FOR APPLICATIONS (RFA)

ANNOUNCEMENT:

PROJECTS FOR ASSISTANCE IN TRANSITION FROM HOMELESSNESS (PATH)

The State of Nevada, through the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS), Division of Public and Behavioral Health (DPBH), Bureau of Behavioral Health, Wellness and Prevention (BBHWP) is pleased to announce the availability of funding through the Projects for Assistance in Transition from Homelessness (PATH) award from the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA). This funding opportunity aims to address the need of services for people with serious mental illness (SMI) experiencing homelessness in Nevada's communities.

The project period for this application will run from September 30, 2025, through September 29, 2026. Applicants should submit a one-year budget, as follows:

- Year One: September 30, 2025 – September 29, 2026

Background:

The [PATH grant program](#) is an initiative led by SAMHSA which is a branch of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. The PATH grant program aims to address the needs of people with serious mental illness (SMI) experiencing homelessness. The PATH grant program provides funding to states to support the following:

1. Outreach,
2. Screening and diagnostic treatment,
3. Habilitation and rehabilitation,
4. Community mental health,
5. Substance use treatment,
6. Referrals for primary health care,
7. Job training,
8. Educational services, and
9. Housing services as specified in [Section 522\(b\)\(10\) of the Public Health Service Act](#).

The State of Nevada DHHS DPBH BBHWP is requesting applications from community stakeholders to support the state's efforts to combat homelessness through a multitude of essential services and supports that may not be supported by other federal or state mental health programs.

Funding Priorities:

The SAMHSA PATH grant program prioritizes funding for services and supports for **adults with serious mental illness, or co-occurring serious mental illness and**

substance use disorders, who are experiencing homelessness or at risk of becoming homeless, including habilitation, rehabilitation, community mental health treatment, substance use treatment, case management, and residential supportive services.

Priority Population:

The priority population for the SAMHSA's Projects for Assistance in Transition from Homelessness (PATH) grant are individuals aged 18 and older who are experiencing or at imminent risk of homelessness, and who have serious mental illness (SMI), or co-occurring serious mental illness and substance use disorders.

Applicants may propose a range of prioritized activities (see section below) related to supporting efforts to combat homelessness, through a multitude of essential services and supports that may not be supported by other federal or state mental health programs.

Priority Areas:

Applicants must address two or more of the BBHWP Strategic Plan priority areas in their application:

- **Address Homelessness:** Expanding outreach services and programs for homeless individuals.
- **Primary Care Integration:** Medical and mental health services delivered together in Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHC), by primary care practitioners, or in emergency departments for crisis intervention, including for overdose and suicide prevention.
- **Combat Stigma through Education:** Dissemination of a standardized, robust community-wide mental health literacy initiative to normalize conversations and promote timely help-seeking.
- **Address Geographical and Access Barriers:** Allocation of resources strategically to reduce regional disparities and transportation challenges and expand telehealth opportunities.
- **Implement Comprehensive Holistic Care:** Promotion of integrated and holistic treatment models, including offering supportive transitional living arrangements.
- **Remove Structural Barriers:** Expanding transportation solutions and reduce gaps.

Priority Activities:

PATH grant program funds must be used to provide the following services to eligible individuals:

- Outreach services, including prioritization of eligible veterans,
- Screening and diagnostic treatment services,
- Habilitation and rehabilitation services,
- Community mental health services,

- Alcohol or drug treatment services, including harm reduction services,
- Referral to and follow through of engagement with primary care health services, job training, educational services, and housing
- Housing services, as amended [\[U.S.C. § 290cc-22\(b\)\(10\)\]](#) including:
 - Minor renovation, expansion, and repair of housing,
 - Planning of housing,
 - Technical assistance in applying for housing assistance,
 - Improving the coordination of housing services,
 - Security deposits,
 - Costs associated with matching eligible homeless individuals with appropriate housing situations, and
 - One-time rental payments to prevent eviction.
- Staff training, including the training of individuals who work in shelters, mental health clinics, substance use programs, and other organizations serving eligible individuals who are experiencing or at risk of homelessness.
- Support for the training and certification of provider staff in the SSI/SSDI Outreach, Access, and Recovery (SOAR) model, designed to increase access to disability income benefits for eligible individuals who are experiencing or at risk of homelessness.
- Case management services, including:
 - Preparing a person-centered plan for the provision of community mental health services to eligible individuals and reviewing such plan not less than once every 3 months;
 - Providing assistance in obtaining and coordinating social and maintenance support services for eligible individuals, including services related to daily living activities, peer support, personal financial planning, transportation, and obtaining identification and other essential documents;
 - Providing recovery support services such as job training, educational services, and relevant housing services, including use of peer providers to assure that these services are successfully accessed by eligible individuals;
 - Providing assistance in obtaining and coordinating income support services, housing assistance, food assistance, and supplemental social security income benefits;
 - Providing representative payee services in accordance with [section 1631\(a\)\(2\) of the Social Security Act](#) if the eligible individuals are receiving aid under title XVI of such act and if the applicant is designated by the Secretary to provide such services;
 - Referring eligible individuals for such other services as may be appropriate.

Please see “Supported Activities for PATH” under the [SAMHSA's Grant Programs](#) webpage for more information.

Funding Limitations/Restrictions

When applying for PATH grant program funding, it is important to ensure that the proposed budget and activities align with SAMHSA's guidelines for allowable expenses. Cost principles describing allowable and unallowable expenditures for federal recipients, including SAMHSA recipients, are provided in 45 CFR Part 75 Subpart E, which are available at the Electronic Code of Federal Regulations webpage of the eCFR website: [eCFR: 45 CFR Part 75 Subpart E -- Cost Principles](#).

In addition, PATH recipients must comply with the following funding limitations/restrictions:

- Grant funds must only be used for purposes supported by the program.
- No more than 20 percent of federal PATH funds may be expended for eligible housing services.
- Food can be included as a necessary expense for individuals receiving SAMHSA funded mental and/or substance use disorder treatment services, not to exceed \$10.00 per person, per day.

Grant funds **may not** be used for the following:

- Supporting emergency shelters or construction of housing facilities,
- Providing inpatient psychiatric treatment,
- Providing inpatient substance use treatment,
- Making cash payments to intended recipients of mental health or substance use disorder services, or
- Lease arrangements in association with the proposed PATH project beyond the project period nor for any leased portion of space not supported by the project.
- Medicaid-reimbursable services for any staff salaries to deliver any Medicaid-reimbursable services. If services are to be delivered to uninsured individuals, a fee for service model based on Medicaid rates should be included in the proposed budget. Please see the state Medicaid Fee Schedule website: <https://dhcfp.nv.gov/resources/rates/feeschedules/>

Requirement for PATH Data Collection and Reporting

As a condition of funding under the Nevada Projects for Assistance in Transition from Homelessness (PATH) Grant Program, all PATH providers are required to submit quarterly progress reports and an annual PATH data report through the [PATH Data Exchange \(PDX\)](#), an online data collection tool that aggregates PATH provider Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) data.

The Bureau of Behavioral Health, Wellness and Prevention (BBHWP) contracts with a third-party vendor to manage the [Clarity Homeless Management Information System \(HMIS\)](#). Clarity was designed to streamline case management, outreach and engagement, and coordinated entry activities and is funded by the PATH grant program.

For data collection purposes, HUD and its federal partners refer to categories of funding within a program as components.

PATH Program Component	Population of Focus	HMIS Project Type
Street Outreach	Persons who reside in a place not meant for human habitation (e.g., streets, abandoned buildings, etc.)	Street Outreach
Supportive Services	Persons who reside in a place meant for human habitation, or who are at risk of homelessness	Supportive Services

A **program** is the source of funding that the organization is receiving to run its project (e.g., PATH Program funding for XYZ Street Outreach project).

All PATH projects are required to collect all of the Universal Data Elements and the relevant Program-Specific Data Elements. The Universal, Common Program-Specific, and federal partner Program Data Elements to be collected by each PATH project are as shown below:

HMIS Program Specific Data Element	Street Outreach	Services Only
Name	X	X
Social Security Number (last four digits only)	X	X
Date of Birth	X	X
Race and Ethnicity	X	X
Gender	X	X
Veteran Status	X	X
Disabling Condition	X	X
Project Start Date	X	X

Project Exit Date	X	X
Destination	X	X
Relationship to Head of Household	X	X
Enrollment CoC	X	X
Prior Living Situation	X	X
Income and Sources	X	X
Non-Cash Benefits	X	X
Health Insurance	X	X
Physical Disability	X	X
Developmental Disability	X	X
Chronic Health Condition	X	X
HIV/AIDS	O	O
Mental Health Disorder	X	X
Substance Use Disorder	X	X
Domestic Violence	X	X
Current Living Situation	X	X
Date of Engagement	X	X
Services Provided – PATH Funded	X	X
Referrals Provided – PATH	X	X
PATH Status	X	X
Connection with SOAR	X	X

x = data collection required

o = data collection is not required but encouraged

A **project** refers to a distinct unit of an organization, which may or may not be funded by The United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) or other federal partners, who provides services and/or housing.

Please refer to the [PATH Program HMIS Manual](#) for more information on data collection.

Training and Technical Assistance

Upon award, recipients will receive training and technical assistance to effectively implement programming, data collection and reporting.

Eligibility

Eligibility for SAMHSA's Projects for Assistance in Transition from Homelessness (PATH) funding is primarily focused on supporting individuals with Serious Mental Illnesses (SMI) who are experiencing homelessness or are at risk of becoming homeless.

Subdivisions of the state and nonprofit private entities including community-based veterans' organizations and other community organizations are eligible to apply for PATH funding.

Cost Sharing and Match Requirements

Cost sharing is mandated under [Section 523 of the Public Health Service Act \(PHS Act\)](#), as amended. Recipients of PATH funding must provide non-federal contributions, either directly or through donations from public or private entities, in an amount not less than \$1 for every \$3 of federal PATH funds received.

Eligible non-federal contributions may be in the form of cash or in-kind contributions, which must be fairly evaluated and may include facilities, equipment, or services. However, funding or services that receive significant federal assistance or subsidies shall not be considered when calculating the total non-federal contributions.

Informational Webinar:

An informational webinar will be held on **Thursday, May 8, 2025, at 2pm** to provide an overview of the PATH RFA application requirements. This webinar will offer interested applicants an opportunity to learn more about the funding process, key application components, and eligibility criteria. Additionally, there will be a Q&A session to address any questions. We encourage all interested applicants to attend this webinar to ensure a thorough understanding of the application process.

Details on how to join the webinar:

Microsoft Teams [Need help?](#)

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Meeting ID: 263 788 502 688 9

Passcode: cV9f5pA6

Dial in by phone

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Phone conference ID: 235 775 375#

Letter of Intent:

Entities interested in applying for funding are asked to submit a short Letter of Intent (LOI) to the Bureau of Behavioral Health, Wellness and Prevention (BBHWP) before

submitting the full application. The LOI should include:

- Name of Organization
- Contact Information
- Identify which area(s) of focus your project addresses: Street Outreach and/or Supportive Services
- Project Period Dates
- Estimated Funding Request Amount

Submission Method and Deadline for Letter of Intent:

The Letter of Intent is to be submitted electronically here <https://app.smartsheet.com/b/form/e9f37292c5b344909e4db315ffe57668> **by 11:59 PM PST on Thursday, May 15, 2025.**

The LOI will help the Bureau of Behavioral Health, Wellness and Prevention (BBHWP) to anticipate application volume.

Application:

Applications must be submitted electronically here <https://app.smartsheet.com/b/form/e269d7c7fabd4efc8cde5d1a2ebf7709> **by 11:59 PM PST on Sunday, June 15, 2025.**

Please use the Projects for Assistance in Transition from Homelessness (PATH) Application, budget template, and Funding Acknowledgement Form found on the PATH RFA webpage here https://dphh.nv.gov/Programs/BBHWP/Mental_Health_Programs/PATH_RFA.

Late applications are not guaranteed funding during this budget period. However, they may be considered for inclusion in an application pool for potential funding opportunities at a later time, subject to the availability of funds and the priorities of the program.

This application is for Projects for Assistance in Transition from Homelessness (PATH) funding only. If you are interested in applying for Mental Health Block Grant (MHBG) or Early Serious Mental Illness (ESMI) funding, you will need to complete separate applications.

Questions:

Please submit any questions you may have electronically here <https://app.smartsheet.com/b/form/e7a5099676d740138245abc880cd6990> **by 11:59 PM PST on Friday, May 23, 2025.**

Answers will be provided to individuals directly. All questions and answers will be posted to the PATH RFA webpage here https://dphh.nv.gov/Programs/BBHWP/Mental_Health_Programs/PATH_RFA under the Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) section by Friday, May 30, 2025.

