

SB 410-FN - AS AMENDED BY THE SENATE

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SENATE BILL ***410-FN***

AN ACT making appropriations to the department of health and human services to support community and transitional housing through community mental health centers.

SPONSORS: Sen. Whitley, Dist 15; Sen. Watters, Dist 4; Sen. Fenton, Dist 10; Sen. Soucy, Dist 18; Sen. Perkins Kwoka, Dist 21; Sen. Rosenwald, Dist 13; Sen. Prentiss, Dist 5; Sen. Altschiller, Dist 24; Sen. Chandley, Dist 11; Rep. Brennan, Merr. 9; Rep. M. Murray, Hills. 37

COMMITTEE: Health and Human Services

AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill makes appropriations to the department of health and human services to support community and transitional housing through community mental health centers.

Explanation: Matter added to current law appears in ***bold italics***.
Matter removed from current law appears ~~[in brackets and struck through.]~~
Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.

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STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Twenty Four

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Be it Enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court convened:

1 1 Appropriation; Department of Health and Human Services; Housing Grants.

2 I. For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025, the sum of \$500,000 is appropriated to the
3 department of health and human services for the purpose of housing grants. The general fund
4 appropriation under this section shall be nonlapsing and continually appropriated to the department
5 to support the stabilization and growth of community and transitional housing through the state's
6 community mental health centers designated under administrative rule He-M 425.03. Of this
7 amount, the governor shall determine if any remaining discretionary funds appropriated in the
8 American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, Public Law 117-2, or any other federal funds can be used for this
9 purpose and any remainder shall be general funds. The governor is authorized to draw a warrant
10 for said sum out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated.

11 II. The department of health and human services shall issue a request for grant applications
12 for the purpose of awarding housing grants to community mental health centers to retain and create
13 new housing in the community. Grants may be disbursed for up to \$25,000 per bed. The
14 department shall initiate the request for grant applications and grant disbursement by December 1,
15 2024. All grant awards made pursuant to this section shall require the recipient community mental
16 health center to use reasonable best efforts to prioritize the provision of aid to veterans, as defined in
17 RSA 21:50, who are in need of such aid. All grant awards made pursuant to this section shall
18 prohibit the recipient community mental health center receiving such grant from using any such
19 funds to knowingly provide aid to any person not legally present in the United States.

20 2 Appropriation; Department of Health and Human Services; Community Mental Health Center
21 Supported Housing Programs. There is hereby appropriated to the department of health and human
22 services the sum of \$500,000 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025 for community mental health
23 center supported housing programs operated by community mental health centers designated under
24 administrative rule He-M 425.03. The general fund appropriation shall be nonlapsing and
25 continually appropriated to the department to support for the purpose of covering non-billable
26 services for supported community housing. Of this amount, the governor shall determine if any
27 remaining discretionary funds appropriated in the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, Public Law
28 117-2, or any other federal funds can be used for this purpose and any remainder shall be general

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2 not otherwise appropriated.

3 3 Effective Date. This act shall take effect July 1, 2024.

SB 410-FN- FISCAL NOTE
AS AMENDED BY THE SENATE (AMENDMENT #2024-0564s)

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FISCAL IMPACT: ☒ State ☐ County ☐ Local ☐ None

Estimated State Impact - Increase / (Decrease)				
	FY 2024	FY 2025	FY 2026	FY 2027
Revenue	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Revenue Fund(s)	None			
Expenditures	\$0	\$3 million	\$0	\$0
Funding Source(s)	Federal Funds, General Funds (if needed)			
Appropriations	\$0	\$3 million	\$0	\$0
Funding Source(s)	Federal Funds, General Funds (if needed)			

- Does this bill provide sufficient funding to cover estimated expenditures? ☒ Yes
- Does this bill authorize new positions to implement this bill? ☒ No

METHODOLOGY:

This bill appropriates funds to the Department of Health and Human Services to support community and transitional housing through community mental health centers. The bill requires the Department to issue a request for grant applications for the purpose of awarding housing grants to community mental health centers and creating new housing in the community. Grants may be disbursed for up to \$25,000 per bed. The bill appropriates \$1.5 million for this purpose in FY25. Of this amount, the governor shall determine if any remaining discretionary funds appropriated in the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, or any other federal funds, are able to be used for this purpose. Any remainder shall be state general funds. This appropriation is nonlapsing and continually appropriated to the Department.

In addition, the bill appropriates \$1.5 million in FY25 for community mental health center supported housing programs. Of this amount, the governor shall determine if any remaining discretionary funds appropriated in the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, or any other federal funds, are able to be used for this purpose. Any remainder shall be state general funds. This appropriation is nonlapsing and continually appropriated to the Department.

In response to the bill as introduced, the Department stated that it would need a new Program Specialist IV position at a cost of \$93,000 in FY25, \$96,000 in FY26, and \$99,000 in FY27. As of this writing, the Department has not responded to a request for a fiscal note worksheet for the bill as amended.

AGENCIES CONTACTED:

Department of Health and Human Services