

Subject Community mental health program workforce relief grants

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Summary

This bill appropriates \$62,000,000 in fiscal year 2023 from the American Rescue Plan (ARP) state fiscal recovery federal fund to the commissioner of human services for emergency grants to community mental health programs that meet certain requirements. The grant recipients must agree to use at least 90 percent of the grant funds for hiring and retention bonuses, increasing employee benefits, and providing training and supervision.

The bill defines “community mental health program” for purposes of the emergency grants, and specifies how grant funds must be distributed and allocated. The bill also allows the commissioner to use up to \$100,000 for administrative costs related to the grants, requires grantees to document how grants are used, and specifies that grantees may be subject to a post-grant activity audit review.