

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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SENATE BILL 251

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AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to mental health and substance abuse services; amending Section 4, Chapter 201, O.S.L. 2023 (43A O.S. Supp. 2024, Section 2-312.4), which relates to awards from the County Community Safety Investment Fund; expanding types of evidence-based services that qualify for funds; establishing minimum allocation for county government or multi-county partnership; updating statutory references; providing an effective date; and declaring an emergency.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY Section 4, Chapter 201, O.S.L. 2023 (43A O.S. Supp. 2024, Section 2-312.4), is amended to read as follows:

Section 2-312.4. A. Subject to availability of funds under ~~Section 631 of Title 57 of the Oklahoma Statutes~~ Section 2-312.1 of this title, the Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services shall annually issue a request for proposals by which county governments or multi-county partnerships may apply for funds for the development and implementation of evidence-based:

1           1. Mental health and substance abuse treatment programs or  
2 other health care programs provided in the community;

3           2. Pretrial diversion programs, mental health and substance use  
4 jail intake screenings, or jail reentry programs;

5           3. Employment programs;

6           4. Education programs; or

7           5. Housing programs.

8           B. The request for proposals shall include, but not be limited  
9 to, the proposed services, number of individuals to be served by the  
10 proposed services or programs, and the manner in which the services  
11 or programs will partner with or be supported by local Department-  
12 contracted or -certified entities.

13           C. For a proposal to be considered, the applying county  
14 government or multi-county partnership must submit all necessary  
15 documents to meet the requirements outlined in the request for  
16 proposals.

17           D. The number of awards and funding amounts of each award shall  
18 be at the discretion of the Department and shall be based on total  
19 available funds, total county population, and the criteria in  
20 subsection B of this section. Each county government or multi-  
21 county partnership shall be allocated at least half of one percent  
22 (0.5%) of the total amount appropriated for the award cycle.

23           E. The Department shall submit an annual report to the  
24 President Pro Tempore of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of

1 Representatives that includes the amount awarded to each county  
2 government or multi-county partnership and a summary of services  
3 provided by each county government or multi-county partnership.

4 F. The Board of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services  
5 shall promulgate rules to implement the provisions of ~~this act~~ this  
6 section and Sections 2-312.1, 2-312.2, and 2-312.3 of this title  
7 including, but not limited to, rules that set qualifications for  
8 programs eligible to receive funds under this section.

9 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective July 1, 2025.

10 SECTION 3. It being immediately necessary for the preservation  
11 of the public peace, health or safety, an emergency is hereby  
12 declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and  
13 be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

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