

Homelessness & Mental Health Support Expansion

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Requester Information

Legislator: Johnson, John D.

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Section 1: Request Details

Description:

his funding request seeks support for PAAG (Problems Anonymous Action Group) to expand critical services addressing homelessness and Severe Mental Illness. The funds will enhance safe and affordable housing, strengthen drop-in center programs, and increase community outreach efforts. PAAG's proven track record in reducing state hospital charges, shelter stays, and preventing incarceration underscores the positive outcomes of this initiative. Your investment will directly contribute to a more stable community, improved mental health, and increased support for vulnerable individuals.

Legislative designee contact information:

- Name: Rhett Potter
- Organization: Problems Anonymous Action Group
- Position: Executive Director

Section 2: Funding Information

How will the appropriation be used?

	One-time	Ongoing
Personnel Services	2024: \$0.00 2025: \$0.00	\$75,000.00
In-State Travel	2024: \$0.00 2025: \$0.00	\$0.00
Out-of-state Travel	2024: \$0.00 2025: \$0.00	\$0.00
Supplies and Equipment	2024: \$0.00 2025: \$0.00	\$25,000.00
Technology Purchases	2024: \$0.00 2025: \$0.00	\$0.00
Infrastructure/Capital Investments	2024: \$0.00 2025: \$0.00	\$0.00
Other Charges/Pass Thru	2024: \$0.00 2025: \$0.00	\$0.00
Expenditure Total		

One-time 2024 \$0.00	One-time 2025 \$0.00	Ongoing 2025 \$100,000.00
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Funding Sources:

General Fund

- Amount Requested 2024 (One-time) \$0.00
- Amount Requested 2025 (One-time) \$0.00
- Amount Requested 2025 (Ongoing) \$100,000.00

Revenue Total

One-time 2024 \$0.00	One-time 2025 \$0.00	Ongoing 2025 \$100,000.00
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Should unused funding be returned to the state at the end of the fiscal year?

Yes

Is this project scalable if the Legislature does not fund the full requested amount?

No

Section 3: Agency Information**Subjects:**

Health and Wellbeing

Agency:

250 / Department of Health and Human Services

Type of entity to receive pass-through funding

- Private Not for Profit

Section 4: Performance Outcome Measurement**Who would benefit from this request (who is the target audience)?**

The request for appropriations would have a positive ripple effect, benefiting individuals directly impacted by SMI and homelessness, the wider community, collaborating agencies, legal systems, and the organization itself.

What is this project or program intended to accomplish?

This project aims to significantly enhance the support and services provided by PAAG to individuals facing Severe Mental Illness (SMI) and homelessness. The funds will be utilized to expand safe and affordable housing options, strengthen drop-in center programs, and intensify community outreach initiatives. The overarching goal is to reduce homelessness, shelter stays, and prevent the incarceration of this vulnerable population. Through these interventions, the project seeks to create a more stable community, improve the overall mental health of participants, and foster long-term well-being.

How will the Legislature know whether the project or program achieved its intended purpose?

A short-term target for measuring progress could include a 20% reduction in the number of individuals experiencing homelessness within the first six months of implementing the enhanced services. Additionally, tracking a 15% decrease in shelter stays among the target population during this period would signify early success. Regular updates on the number of individuals accessing expanded services, positive client feedback, and collaborative efforts with partnering agencies should be provided to the Legislature to ensure transparency and demonstrate the project's effectiveness in its initial stages.

Section 5: Other Supporting Documents

Intent Language

Previous State Funding