

MOBILE CRISIS OUTREACH TEAM EXPANSION

2021 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

Chief Sponsor: Kathleen A. Riebe

House Sponsor: Andrew Stoddard

LONG TITLE

General Description:

This bill creates additional mobile crisis outreach teams.

Highlighted Provisions:

This bill:

▶ requires the Division of Substance Abuse and Mental Health to create and monitor additional mobile crisis outreach teams; and

▶ requires local mental health authorities to provide matching funds.

Money Appropriated in this Bill:

This bill appropriates in fiscal year 2022:

▶ to the Department of Human Services -- Division of Substance Abuse and Mental Health, as an ongoing appropriation:

- from the General Fund, \$4,200,000.

Other Special Clauses:

None

Utah Code Sections Affected:

AMENDS:

62A-15-116, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2020, Chapter 303

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:

Section 1. Section **62A-15-116** is amended to read:



28 **62A-15-116. Mobile crisis outreach team expansion.**

29 (1) In consultation with the Behavioral Health Crisis Response Commission,
30 established in Section [63C-18-202](#), the division shall [~~award grants for the development of:~~]
31 work with counties to have at least 14 operating mobile crisis outreach teams throughout the
32 state on or before July 1, 2022.

33 [~~(a) five mobile crisis outreach teams:~~]

34 [~~(i) in counties of the second, third, fourth, fifth, or sixth class; or]~~

35 [~~(ii) in counties of the first class, if no more than two mobile crisis outreach teams are~~
36 ~~operating or have been awarded a grant to operate in the county; and]~~

37 [~~(b) at least three mobile crisis outreach teams in counties of the third, fourth, fifth, or~~
38 ~~sixth class.]~~

39 (2) A mobile crisis outreach team [~~awarded a grant under]~~ described in Subsection (1)
40 shall provide mental health crisis services 24 hours per day, 7 days per week, and every day of
41 the year.

42 [~~(3) The division shall prioritize the award of a grant described in Subsection (1) to~~
43 ~~entities, based on:]~~

44 [~~(a) the number of individuals the proposed mobile crisis outreach team will serve;~~
45 ~~and]~~

46 [~~(b) the percentage of matching funds the entity will provide to develop the proposed~~
47 ~~mobile crisis outreach team:]~~

48 [~~(4) An entity does not need to have resources already in place to be awarded a grant~~
49 ~~described in Subsection (1).:]~~

50 (3) A mobile crisis outreach team shall be included in a plan described in Subsection
51 [17-43-301\(6\)\(b\)](#).

52 (4) In accordance with Subsection [17-43-301\(6\)\(a\)\(x\)](#), a local mental health authority
53 shall provide matching funds equal to 20% of the funds the state provides for a mobile crisis
54 outreach team.

55 (5) In consultation with the Behavioral Health Crisis Response Commission,
56 established in Section [63C-18-202](#), the division shall make rules, in accordance with Title 63G,
57 Chapter 3, Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act, for the [~~application and award of the grants]~~
58 creation of the mobile crisis outreach teams described in Subsection (1).

59 Section 2. **Appropriation.**

60 The following sums of money are appropriated for the fiscal year beginning July 1,
61 2021, and ending June 30, 2022. These are additions to amounts previously appropriated for
62 fiscal year 2022. Under the terms and conditions of Title 63J, Chapter 1, Budgetary Procedure
63 Act, the Legislature appropriates the following sums of money from the funds or accounts
64 indicated for the use and support of the government of the state of Utah.

65 ITEM 1

66 To Department of Human Services -- Division of Substance Abuse and Mental Health

67 From General Fund \$4,200,000

68 Schedule of Programs:

69 Community Mental Health Services \$4,200,000

70 The Legislature intends that the Division of Substance Abuse and Mental Health
71 expend appropriations provided under this item for the creation of mobile crisis outreach teams
72 described in Section [62A-15-116](#).