



# **Annual Report on Federal Substance Use Prevention, Treatment, and Recovery Services Block Grant**

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## Executive Summary

The Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) submits the *Annual Report on Federal Substance Use Prevention, Treatment and Recovery Services Block Grant* in compliance with the 2024-25 General Appropriations Act, House Bill 1, 88th Legislature, Regular Session, 2023 (Article II, HHSC, Rider 50). Rider 50 requires HHSC to submit a report about the uses of the federal Substance Use Prevention, Treatment and Recovery Services Block Grant (SUBG) funds awarded by the federal Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) to HHSC, including supplemental and one-time awards, by June 1 of each fiscal year.

The report includes information about SUBG expenditures during fiscal year 2023.<sup>1</sup> HHSC funds a variety of substance use programs across the continuum of care that use SUBG funds to offer a comprehensive array of prevention, intervention, treatment, and recovery support services (RSS). In fiscal year 2023, HHSC expended regular SUBG funds totaling \$141,351,555. Of the total, HHSC expended 26 percent for prevention, 9 percent for intervention, and 65 percent for treatment, which includes RSS.

During fiscal year 2023, HHSC supported all substance use service providers who provided services in an environment impacted by the lingering effects of COVID-19. These challenges encompassed difficulties in attracting participants to community events; emerging obstacles in collaborating with schools, including instances of shortened school weeks and safety concerns; and adverse economic conditions resulting in staff shortages and diminished operational capacity for both service providers and community partners.

HHSC also expended \$70,264,123 in COVID Supplemental Awards (from the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2021 (H.R. 133) and the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (H.R. 1319) on substance use programs during fiscal year 2023. Of this total, 52 percent was expended on prevention programs, 4 percent on intervention services, and 44 percent on treatment and RSS.

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<sup>1</sup> Expenditures as of February 12, 2024. Amounts may change until fiscal year close-out is complete.

# 1. Introduction

Rider 50 requires HHSC to submit to the Legislative Budget Board, Governor's Office, Senate Finance Committee, House Appropriations Committee, and permanent committees in the Senate and House of Representatives with jurisdiction over health and human services a report that provides information about annual expenditures of the federal SUBG funds awarded by SAMHSA to HHSC.

HHSC expended regular SUBG funds totaling \$141,351,555 in fiscal year 2023.<sup>2</sup> Of the total, HHSC expended:

- \$36,114,126 (26 percent) for prevention;
- \$13,092,703 (9 percent) for intervention; and
- \$92,144,726 (65 percent) for treatment, which includes substance use RSS.

HHSC expended COVID Supplemental Award funds totaling \$70,264,123 in fiscal year 2023. Of the total, HHSC expended:

- \$36,512,513 (52 percent) for prevention;
- \$2,686,583 (4 percent) for intervention; and
- \$31,065,027 (44 percent) for treatment, which includes substance use RSS.

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<sup>2</sup> Expenditures as of February 12, 2024. Amounts may change until fiscal year close-out is complete.

## 2. Background

HHSC funds a variety of substance use programs across the service continuum of care which offer a comprehensive array of prevention, intervention, treatment, and RSS.

Prevention programs range from direct services in schools and communities, to data collection and population-based strategies. Intervention programs focus on reducing the impact of substance use by assisting people who are at risk for or have been diagnosed with a substance use disorder (SUD) to access education on risks associated with substance use, case management, and community linkage services. Intervention services are provided in both community and home-based settings. Treatment programs focus on people currently diagnosed with a SUD, while peer and RSS focus on people currently or previously diagnosed with a SUD. Treatment programs are provided in community-based and residential settings.

To ensure substance use programs are available statewide, HHSC uses a state-level, centralized process to distribute SUBG funds through contracts with community-based providers, state-licensed treatment providers, and governmental agencies. Three of the entities HHSC currently contracts with meet the requirements of Charitable Choice.<sup>3</sup>

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<sup>3</sup> SAMHSA's Charitable Choice provisions allow for federal government funding of religious organizations to provide a social service.

## 3. Actual Annual Expenditure Data

### Substance Use Prevention Programs

HHSC allocated funding for the following prevention program types, starting in fiscal year 2020:

- Youth Prevention Universal
- Youth Prevention Selective
- Youth Prevention Indicated
- Community Coalition Partnerships
- Prevention Resource Centers

These programs are structured according to SAMHSA’s Strategic Prevention Framework; and incorporate the Center for Substance Abuse Prevention’s six strategies to ensure a comprehensive continuum of prevention and behavioral health promotion (PBHP) services. HHSC funds several additional prevention programs, including a statewide media campaign, a statewide training program, and the overdose prevention education and naloxone program created under SAMHSA’s State Opioid Response discretionary grant. HHSC increased allocations in fiscal year 2023 using COVID-19 Supplemental SUBG funds to increase access to naloxone in Texas. Table 1 on the next page shows all substance use prevention services expenditures by program type for fiscal year 2023.

**Table 1. FY 2023 Expenditures by PBHP Program - Agency Budget Strategy D.2.4<sup>4</sup>**

| Program   | Description  | Regular SUBG Expenditures | COVID-19 Supplemental Expenditures |
|---|--|---------------------------|------------------------------------|
| <b>Community Coalition Partnership</b>            | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Collaborative partnership of people and organizations that strive to address one or more of the state’s prevention priorities.</li> <li>• Based on community needs assessments and trends identified by local, state, and federal data.</li> <li>• Uses SAMHSA’s Strategic Prevention Framework model to mobilize communities and implement promising and evidence-based environmental strategies, with a primary focus on changing policies and influencing social norms related to substance use and behavioral health promotion.</li> </ul>  | \$4,423,181               | \$0                                |
| <b>Community Coalition Partnership - COVID-19</b> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Focused on reducing gaps in health outcomes for communities impacted by COVID-19.</li> <li>• Expands existing Partnerships’ ability to address one or more of the state’s prevention priorities.</li> <li>• Based on community needs assessments and trends identified by local, state, and federal data.</li> <li>• Uses SAMHSA’s Strategic Prevention Framework model to mobilize communities and implement promising and evidence-based environmental strategies with a primary focus on changing policies and influencing social norms related to substance use and behavioral health promotion.</li> </ul> | \$0                       | \$7,794,377                        |

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Expenditures as of February 12, 2024. Amounts may change until fiscal year close-out is complete.

| <b>Program</b>                         | <b>Description</b>  | <b>Regular SUBG Expenditures</b> | <b>COVID-19 Supplemental Expenditures</b> |
|--|---|----------------------------------|---|
| <b>COVID-19 Testing and Mitigation</b> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provides testing and mitigation resources to persons with an SUD and provides resources to providers to prevent, prepare for, and respond to the COVID-19 public health emergency.</li> <li>• Ensures continuity of services to support persons connected to the Texas behavioral health system.</li> <li>• Funds supplies for distribution, including but not limited to, personal protective equipment, sanitation, ventilation and air purification, and medical supplies and equipment.</li> </ul> | \$0                              | \$3,032,604                               |
| <b>Tribal Community Development</b>    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Addresses community conditions contributing to substance use and nonmedical drivers of health among Native Americans in the Alabama Coushatta Tribe of Texas.</li> <li>• Funds culturally appropriate interventions that promote healing and community development projects that change the physical environment to reduce risk or enhance protection.</li> </ul>  | \$0                              | \$500                                     |
| <b>Texas Prevention Training</b>       | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Statewide coordinated system of prevention training and technical assistance services to support and enhance behavioral health workforce development in Texas.</li> <li>• Based on up-to-date prevention science and public health approaches designed to support the effective implementation of evidence based PBHP programs across the state.</li> </ul>  | \$764,400                        | \$0                                       |



| <b>Program</b>                             | <b>Description</b>   | <b>Regular SUBG Expenditures</b> | <b>COVID-19 Supplemental Expenditures</b> |
|--|--|----------------------------------|---|
| <b>Youth Prevention Program</b>            | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Delivers evidence-based curricula to universal, selective, and indicated populations, as defined by the National Academy of Medicine (formerly the Institute of Medicine).</li> <li>• Provides prevention education, positive alternatives, information dissemination and problem identification, and referrals at schools and community sites.</li> </ul>                              | \$27,826,912                     | \$0                                       |
| <b>Prevention Resource Center</b>          | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Serves as the central hub for their region’s data, behavioral health promotion, and prevention training.</li> <li>• Increases the capacity of the statewide PBHP system by enhancing community collaboration, increasing community awareness and readiness, and providing pertinent data to prevention providers within their respective regions.</li> </ul>                            | \$2,542,908                      | \$0                                       |
| <b>Prevention Statewide Media Campaign</b> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ongoing public awareness campaign that engages Texas youth, young adults, parents, and communities through multiple media platforms, including social media, public service announcements on TV, and radio, billboard and other print materials and text messaging.</li> <li>• Advances behavioral health by promoting healthy strategies for coping with trauma and stress.</li> </ul> | \$354,453                        | \$12,704,000                              |

| Program                                    | Description  | Regular SUBG Expenditures | COVID-19 Supplemental Expenditures |
|--|--|---------------------------|------------------------------------|
| <b>Substance Use School Survey</b>         | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Collects self-reported tobacco, alcohol, and substance use data among Texas public school students in grades 7-12, sponsored by HHSC and administered by the Public Policy Research Institute.</li> <li>• Offered annually to all schools throughout the state.</li> <li>• Actively recruits about 20% of Texas public school grades 7-12 to participate in the statewide assessment during the spring of even-numbered years.</li> </ul> | \$202,272                 | \$0                                |
| <b>Innovative Healing Centered Project</b> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Promotes resiliency, social connection, and healing for Texans who are at-risk for substance misuse by providing non-clinical supportive services to both youth and adults.</li> <li>• Aimed at addressing adverse childhood experiences and emergent behavioral health needs exacerbated by COVID-19 pandemic in underserved communities as defined by SAMHSA.</li> </ul>  | \$0                       | \$934,353                          |
| <b>Community Prevention Program</b>        | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provides prevention training and cessation resource materials for tobacco, e-cigarette and nicotine prevention to youth and adults.</li> <li>• Facilitates virtual and in-person training opportunities and resource materials that address emerging needs exacerbated by the COVID-19 pandemic relating to tobacco, e-cigarette, and other nicotine products.</li> </ul>   | \$0                       | \$883,720                          |

| Program   | Description   | Regular SUBG Expenditures | COVID-19 Supplemental Expenditures |
|---|---|---------------------------|------------------------------------|
| <b>Overdose Prevention Education and Naloxone</b> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Provides overdose first aid training and access to overdose reversal medication to reduce overdose deaths.</li> <li>Helps increase access to naloxone in Texas.</li> </ul> | \$0                       | \$11,162,959                       |
| <b>Total</b>                                      |   | <b>\$36,114,126</b>       | <b>36,512,513</b>                  |

## Substance Use Intervention Programs

In fiscal year 2023, HHSC funded intervention programs focused on assisting people at risk for, or diagnosed with, an SUD by reducing the impact of substance use. Services offered through substance use intervention programs include tailored parenting education programs; community and home-based services for persons who reside in rural border areas or Colonias;<sup>5</sup> linkage and retention services for underserved communities; comprehensive case management and community linkage for pregnant and parenting women; comprehensive services for persons experiencing crisis events associated with opioids as well as alcohol, stimulants, or other substances, and a targeted combination of outreach, motivational interviewing, and referrals to connect people to local and statewide substance use treatment and community supports services. Table 2 on the next page shows the substance use intervention services expenditures by program type for fiscal year 2023.

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<sup>5</sup> A residential area along the Texas-Mexico border that lacks basic living needs, such as potable water and sewer systems, electricity, paved roads, and safe and sanitary housing. Colonias, while frequently found in unincorporated areas of the counties, are also found within city limits. [26 TAC §321.55](#)

**Table 2. FY 2023 Expenditures by SUD Intervention Program - Agency Budget Strategy D.2.4<sup>6</sup>**

| <b>Program</b>                                       | <b>Description</b>  | <b>Regular SUBG Expenditures</b> | <b>COVID-19 Supplemental Expenditures</b> |
|--|---|----------------------------------|---|
| <b>Outreach, Screening, Assessment, and Referral</b> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Assists people accessing services along the substance use continuum of care.</li> <li>Provides screenings and assessments, education, information dissemination, risk reduction education, case management coordination, referral to treatment and other appropriate support services.</li> </ul>  | \$5,476,176                      | \$2,364,294                               |
| <b>Substance Use Community Health Worker</b>         | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Decreases gaps in behavioral health outcomes and increases access to services for underserved communities by addressing non-medical drivers of health in these communities.</li> </ul>   | \$5,483,867                      | \$0                                       |
| <b>Pregnant, Parenting Intervention</b>              | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Provides intervention services aimed at reducing the impact, severity, and cost associated with a substance exposed pregnancy to the mother and child and their families.</li> </ul>   | \$1,438,766                      | \$0                                       |
| <b>Rural Border Intervention</b>                     | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Addresses the specific needs of the rural border communities by providing intervention services and access to a continuum of behavioral health services (substance use services; mental health promotion; SUD and mental health treatment and recovery) to members of the rural border communities who have or are at high risk of developing an SUD.</li> </ul> | \$693,894                        | \$0                                       |

<sup>6</sup> Expenditures as of February 12, 2024. Amounts may change until fiscal year close-out is complete.

| Program  | Description  | Regular SUBG Expenditures | COVID-19 Supplemental Expenditures |
|--|--|---------------------------|------------------------------------|
| <b>Tribal Virtual Behavioral Health Services</b> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Expands the delivery of behavioral health services due to limitations on in-person services during the COVID-19 pandemic.</li> <li>Ensures communities continue to heal from the negative impact of COVID-19 on the overall wellness of its people (e.g., virtual recovery support services using digital technology expansion utilized by peer support specialists)</li> </ul> | \$0                       | \$322,289                          |
| <b>Total</b>                                     |  | <b>\$13,092,703</b>       | <b>\$2,686,583</b>                 |

## Substance Use Treatment Programs

SUD treatment services are designed to improve the overall quality of life of the people served by increasing access to support services in the community; providing case management, counseling, education, and RSS; and offering individualized care based on the person’s unique needs.

SUD treatment programs ensure people entering a treatment program receive placement following established guidelines based on the American Society of Addiction Medicine (ASAM) third edition levels of care<sup>7</sup> and treating clinicians’ recommendations. The ASAM levels of care offered by HHSC-funded providers span a broad treatment continuum of outpatient services, varying intensities of residential treatment, medically monitored withdrawal management, and opioid treatment services. Treatment services are available to adults, including a specific population of pregnant and parenting women know as specialized females<sup>8</sup>, and youth<sup>9</sup>. Table 3 shows the substance use treatment services expenditures by program for fiscal year 2023.

<sup>7</sup> <https://www.asam.org/asam-criteria> HHSC will begin process to align levels of care with the 4<sup>th</sup> edition by the end of the biennium.

<sup>8</sup> Specialized females are pregnant women and women with children (including women whose children are in custody of the state). [Substance Use Disorder Program Guide](#)

<sup>9</sup> Ages 13 to 17 years.

**Table 3. FY 2023 Expenditures for SUD Treatment by Program – Agency Budget Strategy D.2.4<sup>10</sup>**

| <b>Program</b>  | <b>Description</b>   | <b>Regular SUBG Expenditures</b> | <b>COVID-19 Supplemental Expenditures</b> |
|---|--|----------------------------------|---|
| <b>Comprehensive Continuum of Care for Females</b>                        | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Provides comprehensive case management services, community-based linkage, and retention services through pre-admission service coordination to reduce barriers to treatment, enhance motivation, stabilize life situations, and facilitate engagement in long-term recovery.</li> </ul>   | \$0                              | \$2,078,208                               |
| <b>Medication for Opioid Use Disorder</b>                                 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Provides access to all three U.S. Food and Drug Administration-approved medications for the treatment of opioid use disorder (i.e., methadone, buprenorphine, and extended-release, injectable naltrexone) to increase patient retention in treatment and reduce opioid misuse.</li> <li>Provides methadone and buprenorphine, which substantially decrease the risk of overdose, opioid-related and all-cause mortality, and the spread of infectious diseases.</li> </ul> | \$12,659,554                     | \$0                                       |
| <b>Medication Assisted Treatment for Alcohol and other use disorders</b>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Provides services to alleviate the adverse physiological effects of withdrawal from the use of alcohol and other SUD to meet the individualized needs of the person.</li> </ul>   | \$0                              | \$925,732                                 |
| <b>Treatment for Co-occurring Psychiatric and Substance Use Disorders</b> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Provides adjunct services to adults and youth with co-occurring psychiatric and a SUD, emphasizing integrated treatment for both mental health needs and the SUD.</li> </ul>  | \$1,911,621                      | \$0                                       |

<sup>10</sup> Expenditures as of February 12, 2024. Amounts may change until fiscal year close-out is complete.

| <b>Program</b>   | <b>Description</b>   | <b>Regular SUBG Expenditures</b> | <b>COVID-19 Supplemental Expenditures</b> |
|--|--|----------------------------------|---|
| <b>Treatment for Adults</b>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Provides SUD treatment services for adults.</li> <li>Engages clients and their families in recovery efforts through a continuum of care.</li> <li>Uses evidence-based approaches that are holistic in design, and which emphasize coordination of care across the continuum.</li> </ul> | \$41,252,001                     | \$1,447,246                               |
| <b>Treatment for Youth</b>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Serves youth ages 13-17.</li> <li>Engages clients and their families in recovery efforts through the continuum of care.</li> <li>Uses evidence-based approaches that are holistic in design, and which emphasize coordination of care across the continuum.</li> </ul>                  | \$8,346,015                      | \$34,811                                  |
| <b>Treatment for Females</b>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Engages clients and their families in recovery efforts through the continuum of care.</li> <li>Provides evidenced-based services that are trauma-informed.</li> </ul>   | \$14,132,064                     | \$199,439                                 |
| <b>Neonatal Abstinence Syndrome Services</b>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Includes a continuum of comprehensive treatment and recovery services for pregnant and parenting women who have been diagnosed with an SUD.</li> </ul>  | \$250,418                        | 2,363,011                                 |
| <b>Comprehensive Neonatal Abstinence Syndrome Treatment Services and Supportive Transitional Housing</b> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Provides a safe, supportive, and substance-free living community for pregnant and parenting women diagnosed with an SUD.</li> <li>Offers access to supportive services, life skills trainings, and recovery support services.</li> </ul>  | \$0                              | \$374,591                                 |
| <b>Centralized Training Infrastructure for Evidence Based Practices</b>                                  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Provides online and in-person training for HHSC-funded providers.</li> </ul>  | \$5,404,006                      | \$0                                       |

| <b>Program</b>  | <b>Description</b>   | <b>Regular SUBG Expenditures</b> | <b>COVID-19 Supplemental Expenditures</b> |
|---|--|----------------------------------|---|
| <b>Professional Services</b>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Includes surveys of HHSC-funded substance use providers on service provision.</li> </ul>  | \$217,096                        | \$0                                       |
| <b>Texas Emergency Response COVID-19 Behavioral Health Services Project - 24 Hour Virtual Services Clinic</b> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Provides comprehensive services for substance use and non-serious mental illness in a 24-hour virtual clinic.</li> <li>Uses a central navigation hub and call center to provide substance use-focused crisis intervention services, telehealth, and telemedicine.</li> <li>Creates access points and technology-based virtual recovery support services in communities throughout the state.</li> <li>Expands peer support across the state for healthcare workers and other first responders, to meet the unique behavioral health needs of that workforce.</li> </ul> | \$0                              | \$9,911,845                               |
| <b>Resident Recovery Housing - Emerging Adults</b>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Provides specialized recovery housing for ages 18-25 transitioning from a higher level of care.</li> <li>Combines on-site recovery support services with community-based housing to reduce the likelihood of return to substance use while gaining critical independent living skills and building recovery capital.</li> </ul>   | \$0                              | \$1,689,176                               |
| <b>Hospital-Based Screening, Brief Intervention, and Referral to Treatment and Peer Support</b>               | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Increases a continuum of substance use services provided in a hospital setting to assist primary care teams identify patients with alcohol or other SUD.</li> </ul>   | \$0                              | \$2,243,851                               |
| <b>Drop-In Center Expansion</b>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Expands services offered and builds capacity at existing centers to offer comprehensive services for persons experiencing crisis events associated with opioids and alcohol, stimulants, or other substances</li> </ul>   | \$0                              | \$2,924,497                               |



| <b>Program</b>  | <b>Description</b>  | <b>Regular SUBG Expenditures</b> | <b>COVID-19 Supplemental Expenditures</b> |
|---|---|----------------------------------|---|
| <b>Extension for Community Healthcare Outcomes</b>      | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Statewide telementoring program to improve quality of care and treatment outcomes through training and education of healthcare providers using video conferencing, webinars, asynchronous training, and other technology on ways to address an SUD.</li> </ul> | \$0                              | \$419,785                                 |
| <b>Emergency Medical Services Integration Expansion</b> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Aims to reduce limitations and improve emergency medical service programs to address alcohol or other SUD.</li> </ul>  | \$0                              | \$1,689,279                               |
| <b>Total</b>  |   | <b>\$84,172,775</b>              | <b>\$26,301,471</b>                       |

## **Substance Use Recovery Support Services**

Substance use RSS offer non-clinical programs provided by Recovery Support Peer Specialists to assist people seeking recovery from an SUD. Both adults and youth can engage in RSS. RSS helps people initiate, support, and maintain long-term recovery from an SUD. In Texas, RSS is offered through a regional, community-based framework that can coordinate multiple systems, services, and supports tailored to fit the needs of each person seeking recovery from substances. Table 4 shows the substance use recovery services expenditures by program for fiscal year 2023.

**Table 4. FY 2023 Expenditures for Peer and Recovery Services by Program - Agency Budget Strategy D.2.4<sup>11</sup>**

| Program   | Description  | Regular SUBG Expenditures | COVID-19 Supplemental Expenditures |
|---|--|---------------------------|------------------------------------|
| <b>Recovery Support Services</b>                  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Evidence-based services that increase long-term recovery and quality of life for people diagnosed with an SUD.</li> <li>Provided by certified peer specialists, who have lived experience with recovery from an SUD, using a wide array of non-clinical services and supports to help people initiate, support, and maintain long-term recovery from an SUD.</li> </ul> | \$3,460,170               | \$1,253,572                        |
| <b>Recovery Support Virtual Behavioral Health</b> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Expands RSS using telehealth services.</li> </ul>   | \$0                       | \$1,622,403                        |
| <b>Recovery-Oriented System of Care</b>           | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A regional, community-based framework for coordinating multiple systems, services, and supports that are person-centered, self-directed, and designed to readily adjust to meet the person’s needs and chosen pathway to recovery.</li> </ul>   | \$1,425,060               | 1,887,581                          |
| <b>Recovery Youth Services</b>                    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Serves youth ages 13-21 with a history of SUD, including those with co-occurring mental health disorders, who are in or seeking recovery, along with their family members, significant others, and supportive allies.</li> </ul>  | \$2,170,171               | \$0                                |
| <b>Oxford Houses<sup>12</sup></b>                 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Offer safe, substance-free, peer-run housing in the community for adults in recovery.</li> </ul>  | 916,550                   | \$0                                |

<sup>11</sup> Expenditures as of February 12, 2024. Amounts may change until fiscal year close-out is complete.

<sup>12</sup> Upon completion of an HHSC-funded SUD program, an eligible person may apply to reside in an Oxford House for recovery housing. Oxford Houses of Texas assist in establishing and maintaining housing opportunities for people in recovery.

| Program      | Description | Regular SUBG Expenditures | COVID-19 Supplemental Expenditures |
|--------------|-------------|---------------------------|------------------------------------|
| <b>Total</b> |             | <b>\$7,971,951</b>        | <b>\$4,763,556</b>                 |

## Fiscal Year 2023 Total Expenditures

In fiscal year 2023, HHSC expended a total of \$211,615,678 in SUBG funds, including \$141,351,555 in regular block grant funds and \$70,264,123 in COVID-19 Supplemental SUBG funds.<sup>13</sup>

HHSC fully obligates all federal SUBG awards through HHSC contracts with substance use providers. The regular block grant has a two-year budget period, and the entirety of this time is used to expend the award. Similarly, the COVID-19 Supplemental SUBG awards have multi-year budget periods, and the duration of those budget periods are used to expend the awards. HHSC can include information in the report on unexpended funds for any block grants whose budget period has ended. In fiscal year 2023, the federal fiscal year 2022 SUBG regular block grant award closed with \$0 unexpended funds.

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<sup>13</sup> Expenditures as of February 12, 2024. Amounts may change until fiscal year close-out is complete.

## 4. Conclusion

This report provides information about annual expenditures of federal SUBG funds awarded by SAMHSA to HHSC, including one-time supplemental awards, during fiscal year 2023. HHSC funds a variety of substance use programs across the continuum of care of prevention, intervention, treatment, and RSS.

During fiscal year 2023, all SUBG-funded programs supported providers as they continuously adapt to the lingering effects of COVID-19. HHSC continues to support substance use service providers as they serve Texans by ensuring the provision of regular technical assistance to substance use service providers and ensuring compliance with emergency guidance and rules. Additionally, HHSC staff maintain awareness of federal grant opportunities that promote the provision of substance use services and address SUD specific needs in Texas.

## List of Acronyms

| <b>Acronym</b> | <b>Full Name</b>  |
|----------------|---|
| COVID-19       | Coronavirus Disease 2019                                  |
| FY             | Fiscal Year   |
| HHSC           | Health and Human Services Commission                      |
| PBHP           | Prevention and Behavioral Health Promotion                |
| RSS            | Recovery Support Services                                 |
| SAMHSA         | Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration |
| SUBG           | Substance Use Prevention and Treatment Block Grant        |
| SUD            | Substance Use Disorder                                    |