

Behavioral Health Continuum Infrastructure Program Round 5: Crisis Continuum, August 4, 2022  
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Identified Themes

<b>Prompt 1</b>	<b>What would you like DHCS to consider as we roll out the BHCIP Round 5: Crisis Continuum?</b>
<b>Participant Responses</b>	<p><b><u>Most Common Themes:</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Transparent funding criteria</li><li>• Use local county planning projects to determine this round of funding—not limited only to crisis programs—may not be responsive to local identified needs</li><li>• Publish the scoring rubric for proposals</li><li>• Priority to organizations that were not funded in prior rounds</li><li>• Small organizational challenges: letters of support provided after conditional award, not limited to only brick-and-mortar projects</li></ul> <p><b><u>Other Responses:</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Require culturally relevant projects</li><li>• Prioritize grassroots organizations</li><li>• Need to match funding sources to eligible facilities/programs to sustain services</li></ul>

<b>Prompt 2</b>	<b>What should DHCS consider when building out the request for application?</b>
<b>Participant Responses</b>	<p><b><u>Most Common Themes:</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Longer application preparation window</li> <li>• Prioritize step-down services/programs from crisis services</li> <li>• Project readiness and allow pre-development</li> <li>• More specific directions and flexibility in meeting “site control” eligibility</li> <li>• Longer development timelines—processes take more time, e.g., supply chain, real estate, permits</li> <li>• Clarification of priorities—acquire vs. rehab; rural vs. urban; funding floor and ceiling</li> <li>• Workforce development needs—funds and other support</li> <li>• Include facility equipment and furnishings</li> <li>• Facility types: inpatient psychiatric, SUD continuum, withdrawal management, MHRC, more flexibility for hospital-based/linked services in rural areas, longer treatment services, peer respite, youth/family respite, correctional facilities, wellness centers</li> </ul> <p><b><u>Other Responses:</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• MAT services</li> <li>• Crisis prevention and alternative programs</li> <li>• Minimize GPRA requirements</li> <li>• Including housing—i.e., shelter services</li> <li>• Use the same forms as prior rounds</li> </ul>

<b>Prompt 3</b>	<b>What are some ideas to facilitate regional approaches or collaborative partnerships?</b>
<b>Participant Responses</b>	<p><b><u>Most Common Themes:</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Decrease match requirement for regional projects</li> <li>• Reward regional and rural projects with higher point scores</li> <li>• Require regional partners to demonstrate commitment and experience with partners</li> <li>• Lead regional discussion opportunities and webinars on partnership development</li> </ul> <p><b><u>Other Responses:</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Support funding for telehealth, especially for rural projects</li> <li>• Combine efforts with local MHSA plans and MHSA Oversight and Accountability Commission</li> <li>• Share effective regional approaches and encourage replication of successful models</li> </ul>

<b>Prompt 4</b>	<b>Are there other behavioral health facility types that provide crisis services not listed here that DHCS should consider?</b>
<b>Participant Responses</b>	<p><b><u>Most Common Themes:</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mental health urgent care clinics—walk-in services</li> <li>• Crisis call centers</li> <li>• Receiving centers</li> <li>• Proposed levels are too restrictive</li> <li>• Respite: peer, youth/family, medical</li> <li>• Broader access to outpatient levels and CCMUs</li> <li>• Shelter housing</li> <li>• MHRCs</li> </ul> <p><b><u>Other Responses:</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Urban tribal consortiums</li> <li>• No Wrong Door approach—let applicants propose plans that justify services</li> <li>• STRTPs</li> <li>• ASAM level 3.3</li> <li>• AllCove Centers</li> <li>• Emergency Psychiatric Assessment, Treatment, and Healing Units (EmPATH)</li> <li>• Older adult programs</li> </ul>

<b>Prompt 5</b>	<b>Are there facilities on this list that should not be considered as providing crisis services?</b>
<b>Participant Responses</b>	<b><u>Most Common Themes:</u></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Correctional facilities</li><li>• All for-profit organizations</li></ul> <b><u>Other Responses:</u></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Housing</li></ul>

<b>Prompt 6</b>	<b>DHCS is considering using the same match requirements for Round 5 as prior rounds. What is your feedback on the proposed match for Round 5: Crisis Continuum?</b>
<b>Participant Responses</b>	<b><u>Most Common Themes:</u></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Include in-kind matches—i.e., staff time from project development team, architects, etc.</li><li>• Allow behavioral health subaccounts as match</li><li>• Reduce nonprofit match to 5%</li></ul> <b><u>Other Responses:</u></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Match based on sliding scale</li><li>• Match based on lowest qualifying entity type in a consortium</li></ul>

<b>Prompt 7</b>	<b>What is your feedback on the proposed funding methods for Round 5: Crisis Continuum?</b>
<b>Participant Responses</b>	<b>Most Common Themes:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Unfunded organizations from prior rounds should be prioritized</li><li>• 20% for state regions perhaps too high, 15% may be better</li></ul> <b>Other Responses:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• More set-asides for tribal entities</li></ul>

<b>Prompt 8</b>	<b>What are the TA needs for applicants in administering Round 5: Crisis Continuum funds?</b>
<b>Participant Responses</b>	<p><b><u>Most Common Themes:</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Planning for pre-development projects for smaller organizations</li><li>• Examples of sustainable budget development</li><li>• Real estate, schematic plans</li><li>• Zoning and NIMBY issues</li><li>• Partnership development for nontraditional and regional efforts</li></ul> <p><b><u>Other Responses:</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Proposal reviews</li></ul>