

FY2022 Presidential Budget Request

On May 28, President Biden released his Fiscal Year 2022 Presidential Budget Request, totaling more than \$6 trillion in government spending. The detailed request calls for significant funding increases across federal agencies, including mental health and substance use programs. It is important to remember that the President's Budget Request is largely a political document, holding no policy power or requirements for Congress to meet the request as appropriators. Below is a topline summary of key mental health and substance use programs.

Program	FY2021 Enacted	FY2022 Presidential Budget Request	Change from FY21 to FY22
<i>Dollars in Millions</i>			
SAMHSA	\$6,017	\$9,734	+\$3,717
Community Mental Health Block Grant	\$758	\$1,583 *Includes \$75 million for crisis care set-aside	+\$825
Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment Block Grant	\$1,858	\$3,508 *Includes NEW 10% recovery set-aside	+\$1,650
State Targeted Opioid Response Grants	\$1,500	\$2,250	+\$750
CCBHC Expansion Grants	\$250	\$375	+\$125
Project AWARE	\$107	\$155.5	+\$48.5
National Suicide Prevention Lifeline	\$24	\$102	+\$78
Criminal Justice Activities	\$89	\$124.4	+\$35.4
Pregnant & Postpartum Women	\$32.9	\$49.4	+\$16.5
SUD Workforce Loan Repayment	\$16	\$28	+\$12
National Institutes of Health	\$42,936	\$51,953	+\$9,017

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Investing in Recovery Support Services. The FY 2022 budget emphasizes recovery support services to provide a comprehensive response to the opioid and substance use crisis. Recovery support programs provide community-level resources for people with substance use disorder beyond treatment. The budget includes a new 10% set-aside for the SABG to direct funds to states for recovery support services. Currently, there is no dedicated source of funding of community recovery resources. As a result, only 140 communities have a recovery community organization. This funding set-aside would provide a sustainable source of funding directly to community organizations to support development of a community level recovery infrastructure and will be available for a wide variety of recovery support programs.

Respond to Systemic Strain on the Mental Health Care System. Calls to mental health helplines have increased across the country as Americans deal with increased anxiety, depression, risk of suicide, and trauma-related disorders. The budget invests \$1.6 billion into the Community Mental Health Block Grant (MHBG) to respond to the systemic strain on our Nation’s mental health care system. This is an historic investment which will be more than double the 2021 funding level. Since 1992, the MHBG has distributed funds for community-based behavioral health services to 59 eligible states and territories and freely associated states. The MHBG is the foundation of the nation’s behavioral health infrastructure, particularly for some of the most at-risk populations across the country. The budget more than doubles the MHBG set-aside for crisis systems to \$75 million. This increase will direct funding to states to build much needed crisis systems that will provide high quality, expeditious mental health care.

Expand the Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinics

Expansion Program. To expand access to behavioral health care, it is critical to invest in high quality, community-based behavioral health services. The budget includes \$375 million in the Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinics (CCBHC) grant program, an increase of \$125 million over FY 2021 enacted. This investment will drive funding to community-based organizations that provide comprehensive, coordinated, high quality state-certified behavioral health services at the local level. Since the inception of the CCBHC program in FY 2018, CCBHC grantees have served over 54,000 individuals. CCBHC participants showed a 72 percent decrease in mental health care hospitalization in the past 30 days and a 63.2 percent decrease in emergency room visits. Participation in the CCBHC program is also a significant asset to providers. Eighty-four percent of these organizations made changes to the range of services they provide as a result of program participation. The budget’s increase for CCBHCs will further expand access to these critically important behavioral health services to 180 grantees in FY 2022.

