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Fwd: [Test] SAMHSA Announces \$36.9 Million in Grants to Address Mental Health and Substance Use Crises

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April Newsletter



Discover how the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services boosts support for mental health and substance use crises through approved grants.

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) has announced \$36.9 million in funding opportunities for grant programs supporting behavioral health services nationwide. The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) will allocate the funding, which includes \$10 million for Screening, Brief Intervention, and Referral to Treatment (SBIRT), and \$6.2 million for the First Responders-Comprehensive Addiction and Recovery Act.

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A recently launched investigative series is closely examining Seattle's mental health system

The six-part podcast investigation *Lost Patients* seeks to understand how serious mental illnesses are treated in America's "maze-like" mental health system. On March 12th, *Lost Patients* premiered with the story of Seattle's mental health treatment system from historical, clinical, and personal perspectives. As this series reveals, there has been a drop of 84% in the number of beds for people with psychiatric problems provided by state-run hospitals over the last 50 years, thereby consigning patients with mental illness to continuously circulate among jail cells, clinics, courts, and streets. *Lost Patients* is produced jointly by KUOW and *The Seattle Times* and distributed through the NPR Network.

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