



Division of Behavioral Health Services Innovative Projects

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Innovative Project Requirements

Innovative Projects contribute to learning

Innovation Projects must do one of the following:

- ▶ Introduce a mental health practice or approach that is new to the system
- ▶ Makes a change to an existing practice in the field of mental health
- ▶ Introduces a new application of a successful non-mental health promising community-driven practice/approach to the mental health system

Innovative Project Requirements (cont'd)

Primary Purpose:

- ▶ Increase access to mental health services
- ▶ Increase access to mental health services to underserved populations
- ▶ Increase the quality of mental health services, including measurable outcomes
- ▶ Promote interagency and community collaboration

Innovative Project Requirements (cont'd)

Project must align with the 5 Essential Elements:

- ▶ Community Collaboration
- ▶ Cultural Competence
- ▶ Client and Family Driven
- ▶ Wellness, Recovery and Resilience Focus
- ▶ Integrated Service Experience

Innovative Project Requirements (cont'd)

- ▶ Time-limited; not more than 5 years
- ▶ Time frame is based on complexity of the approach and evaluation of the approach
- ▶ If successful, County may continue the project but must transition it to another funding category

Innovative Project Approval

- ▶ Research and articulation of innovation
- ▶ Community stakeholder/planning process
- ▶ Technical Assistance
- ▶ Project Plan Template
- ▶ Projects require two levels of approval
 - ▶ Local – Board of Supervisors
 - ▶ State – MHSAOAC

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Questions

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