

Homeless Outreach Stabilization & Transition (HOST) Program

Overview

The Homeless Outreach Stabilization and Transition (HOST) program provides outreach-based treatment services to individuals with serious behavioral health challenges including substance use disorder (SUD). Multi-disciplinary teams can provide behavioral health, medical, rehabilitative, and peer services in the field to individuals who lack consistent access to these vital services.

Authority

The HOST program is administered by the Health Care Authority's Recovery Support Services, a section of the Division of Behavioral Health and Recovery (DBHR). The HOST Program was authorized by ESB 5476 and codified in [RCW 71.24.145](#) in 2021.

Eligibility requirements

HOST-eligible individuals are experiencing:

- Substance use disorder – with or without co-occurring mental illness – that is untreated, under-treated or undiagnosed.
- Literal or chronic homelessness.
- Acute behavioral health symptoms that create a barrier to accessing and receiving conventional behavioral health services and outreach models.

Budget for SFY 25

HOST is funded by State of Washington general funds:

- SFY2025: \$7,500,000

Partners

In SFY25, HCA's DBHR currently contract with six Behavioral Health Administrative Services Organizations (BHASO's) covering six regional service areas.

- King County
- Southwest Washington
- North Sound
- Pierce
- Thurston Mason
- Spokane

The BHASOs subcontract HOST services to licensed community behavioral health agencies.

Oversight

HCA administers the HOST program statewide and provides oversight to the agencies under direct contract. The BHASOs provide local oversight and sub-contract with local, state licensed private, non-profit behavioral health agencies to provide services directly.

Program outcomes SFY 24

In SFY 24, HOST teams statewide served 2,909 unique individuals, providing a total of 12,357 service encounters. The services provided include:

- 1,669 medical
- 2,466 SUD
- 714 mental health
- 4,521 peer supports
- 952 with a prescriber

For more information

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