

Homeless Outreach Stabilization and Transition (HOST) program

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). Multidisciplinary teams can provide SUD, medical, rehabilitative, and peer services in the field to individuals who lack consistent access to these vital services.

HOST eligibility means that an individual has a behavioral health challenge, which can include SUD with or without co-occurring mental illness, that is untreated, under-treated or undiagnosed, and is experiencing literal or chronic homelessness. HOST-eligible individuals will also be experiencing behavioral health symptoms that create a barrier to accessing and receiving conventional behavioral health services and outreach models.

Authority

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

Budget and funding

HOST is funded by State of Washington general funds:

- SFY2022: \$5,000,000
- SFY2023: \$7,500,000

Key partners

In SFY23, HCA's Division of Behavioral Health and Recovery (DBHR) will contract with five Behavioral Health Administrative Services Organizations 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. DBHR also contracts with the Downtown Emergency Services Center to provide technical assistance to HOST providers.

Oversight

The Washington State Division of Behavioral Health and Recovery (DBHR) 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.

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