



PRIORITY ISSUE: THE SUBSTANCE USE PREVENTION, TREATMENT AND RECOVERY SERVICES BLOCK GRANT

Treatment Communities of America (TCA) is a non-profit association comprised of community-based substance abuse treatment providers throughout the United States and Canada. For the past 48 years, TCA's mission has been advancing access to comprehensive continuums of community-based and person-centered behavioral health care for individuals and families impacted by Substance Use Disorder (SUD).

Maintain the Substance Use Prevention, Treatment and Recovery Services (SUPTRS) Block Grant to fund populations and services not covered under the Affordable Care Act

The Substance Use Prevention, Treatment and Recovery Services (SUPTRS) Block Grant program is the primary funding source utilized by States to provide substance use prevention and treatment services. With the implementation of the ACA, funding for core treatment services has begun to shift to the health care system.

However, even after its implementation, the ACA does not provide coverage for many of the critical and supportive services necessary to ensure optimal outcomes, nor will it provide access to care for populations that will continue to be without insurance.

TCA believes the SUPTRS Block Grant is a fundamental part of the network of treatment and supports for those who lack access to care that took decades to develop. The SUPTRS Block Grant is distributed by formula and allows all States and Territories to support services that address any substance use issues they face within their jurisdiction. Only by combining funds through ACA and the SUPTRS will a full continuum of services and supports be available for individuals and families with SUD. TCA recommends that the SUPTRS be maintained and aligned with the ACA to ensure that all populations have access to a comprehensive range of services and supports necessary to achieve recovery.

The House Appropriations Committee has included \$2.508 billion for the SUPTRS Block Grant, a \$500 million increase over FY24 funding levels, in its version of the FY25 Labor, Health and Human Services, Education Appropriations bill, while the Senate Appropriations Committee has included \$2.048 billion for the SUPTRS Block Grant, a \$40 million increase over FY24 funding levels. TCA urges Congress to support the House funding level and include \$2.508 billion for Block Grant in the FY25 spending bill.

Investments in the SUPTRS Block Grant will ultimately save money while strengthening communities, keeping families together, and most importantly saving lives.

The demand for treatment is growing. The resources must match these needs.

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