



H&SS SOR IV Bridge Funding Orientation

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As Chief of the Federal Grants Branch, Ms. Sabah oversees various federal grants, including the State Opioid Response (SOR) Grants, Substance Use Prevention, Treatment, and Recovery Services Block Grant, and the Community Mental Health Services Block Grant.

With over seven years of experience in the treatment of opioid use disorder, substance use disorder, and mental health disorders, Waheeda finds immense fulfillment in her work.

H&SS SOR IV Bridge Funding for SOR III grantees

Bridge funding highlights:

- 1) Letter of Intent to Fund issued to H&SS SOR III grantees on 9/27/24. Funding amount based on number of patients served in September '24 per bridge survey, past caseload, GPRAs to be completed during PoP, partial staff funding, & SOR III award amount.
- 2) Spending Authorization for period of performance (PoP) 9/30/24-1/31/25, expected in October-November 2024.
- 3) Bridge requirements:
 - a) GPRA submissions monthly
 - b) UCLA data submission quarterly (through 12/31/24; due 1/15/25)
 - c) Participation in AHP close-out webinar, mid-January 2025.
 - d) No new patients permitted during bridge funding period.
- 4) Optional: Monthly Open Office Hours will be on the **third Monday of each month at 12:00 pm** with UCLA-ISAP, Aurrera, and AHP; the first opportunity is 10/21/24.
- 5) Final bridge invoice due 2/15/25; no invoices accepted after 2/28/25.



While DHCS intends to obligate funds for the SOR IV grant, the Letter of Intent does not include authorization to spend or an obligation to fund. The obligation of funds under a Bridge Funding Agreement is contingent on DHCS receiving a Notice of Award from the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) and contracting with AHP for the distribution of funding. Should DHCS not obligate SOR IV funds to AHP for distribution during this period, AHP will be unable to issue Bridge Funding Agreements.

AHP: Bridge Funding Allowable Costs

Bridge Funding Limits Allowable Expenses

1. Approved medications for opioid use disorder and related SUD treatment services
2. Staff wages for patient care
3. Transportation assistance to enable patients to access care
4. Community educational outreach

Previous SOR III invoice processes will be used to submit one bridge invoice due February 15, 2025.

STAY TUNED for NEXT STEPS

Please be on the alert for the following:

- 1) Spending authorization letter from AHP
- 2) Outreach information about the RFA for SOR IV
- 3) Release of the RFA for SOR IV and webinar sign up for further information and Letter of Intent to apply due dates
- 4) RFA application deadlines



Questions?

Contact us at:

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THANK YOU FOR ATTENDING TODAY

