

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 behavioral health, medical, rehabilitative, and peer services in the field to individuals who lack consistent access to these vital services.

Eligibility

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

Authority

The HOST program is administered by Recovery Support Services, a section of the Division of Behavioral Health and Recovery (DBHR), within the Health Care 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:

- SFY2023: \$7,500,000
- SFY2024: \$7,500,000

Number served SFY 2022-23

- Total unique clients: 1,249
- Total encounters: 6,357

Key partners

In SFY24, HCA's Division of Behavioral Health and Recovery (DBHR) will contract with six (6) 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.

Oversight

The Health Care Authority's 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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