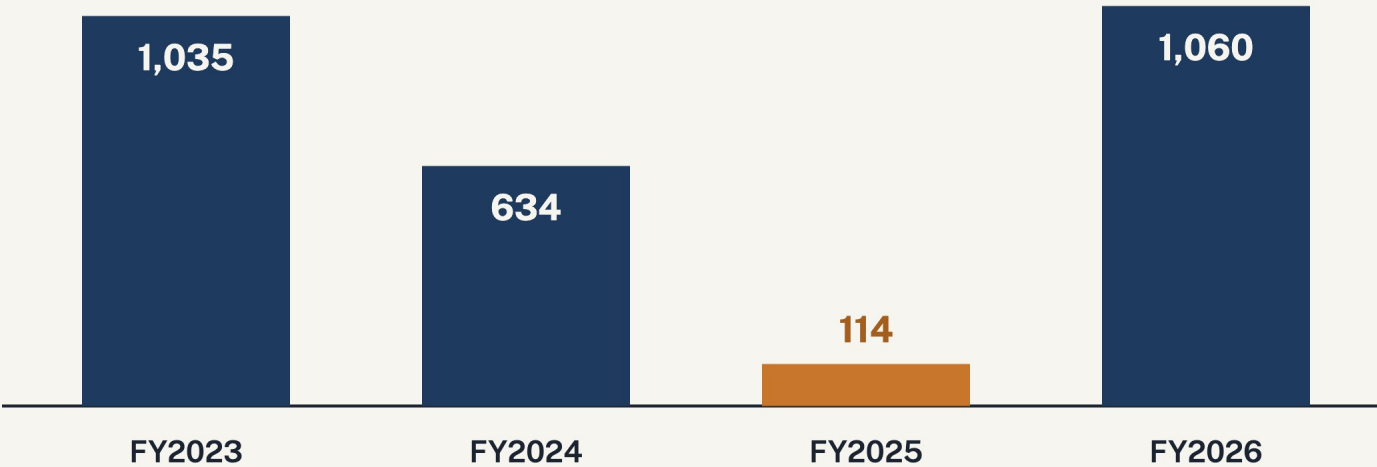


SAMHSA Funding Outlook FY2027

What four years of new award data tell behavioral health organizations about the competitions ahead.

THE FOUR-YEAR PICTURE

New awards nearly stopped in FY2025, then came back in a single year.



New (-01) competitive awards by fiscal year awarded. Excludes block grants, SOR/TOR, PAIMI and state 988 agreements. FY2026 does not yet include CCBHC awards.

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MHAT and MAT-PDOA funded about 4.5 times their last competition in FY2026. Expect FY2027 to be smaller.

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New suicide and crisis awards in FY2026, up from 40 in FY2023. SMI and crisis programs also pay more per award.

~128

CCBHC expansion grants from FY2023 end on September 29, 2027. Sustainability planning starts now.

FY2026 funded a different portfolio than FY2023.

Serious mental illness, crisis and first-responder programs grew in size or number. Several equity, HIV, homelessness and reentry programs have not been competed in two cycles.

GROWING

Program	Prior typical award	FY2026 typical award	New awards, prior → FY2026
FR-CARA	\$500K–\$781K	\$800K	9 → 37
Assertive Community Treatment	\$678K	\$1.6M	7 → 3
Assisted Outpatient Treatment	\$601K	\$1.02M	22 → 10
Early Diversion	\$330K	\$650K	22 → 8
Early psychosis (CHR-P)	\$650K	\$650K	6 → 13
Mobile Crisis Team Partnerships	new	\$750K	17
BH and Community Safety Partnerships	new	\$750K	12

NOT COMPETED SINCE FY2024

Program	FY2023	FY2024	FY2025	FY2026
Minority AIDS Initiative programs	82	24	0	0
Homelessness programs (GBHI, TIEH)	62	28	0	0
Adult Reentry	34	5	0	0
Healthy Transitions	23	3	0	0
Drug Courts (shrinking)	91	65	0	20

Some FY2023 awards run five years, so a program may return on its normal cycle. Check the FY2027 forecast before planning around a program's absence.

WHAT THIS MEANS

Organizations whose work sat in paused programs can often reach the same people through programs that are growing: homeless outreach through mobile crisis or AOT, reentry through Early Diversion or FR-CARA.

Who leads the application matters as much as what it proposes.

The type of organization that wins each program has held steady across two administrations. So has the pattern of which states win.

WINNING LEAD APPLICANT		SHARE OF NEW AWARDS		
Project AWARE	School districts	Applicant type	FY2023	FY2026
GLS Campus	Universities (all awards)	Nonprofits	59%	47%
Drug Courts	Courts and counties	Universities	5%	17%
NCTSI Cat. III	Nonprofit providers	Tribal organizations	10%	12%
FR-CARA	Local government; states rising	Local government, courts	11%	9%
MAT-PDOA	Nonprofits and hospitals	State agencies	7%	6%

8.9 vs. 2.3

New awards per million residents in the smallest states compared with the largest. Texas, Florida, Georgia and California trail the national average.

20% vs. 14%

Rural grantees' share of awards compared with the rural share of the population. Most of the difference comes from tribal applicants.

1 in 3

New awards that go to organizations winning more than one award the same year, in both FY2023 and FY2026.

WHAT THIS MEANS

Rural need alone does not raise the odds; choosing programs built for rural communities does. And organizations that win once tend to win again, so the first award is the hardest.

Six things to prepare for in FY2027

- 1

Smaller competitions. Programs that surged in FY2026 were likely catching up on FY2025 funds.
- 2

Bigger SMI and crisis awards. ACT, AOT, Early Diversion and mobile crisis now run \$650K to \$1.6M.
- 3

Partners in the lead role. Schools, counties, EMS and tribes win programs built around them.
- 4

Shorter projects. One in four FY2026 awards runs three years, up from one in ten in FY2023.
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September notices. Seven in ten FY2026 awards arrived in September. Plan an October or November start.
- 6

Full-ceiling budgets. 64% of FY2026 winners received the NOFO's maximum award.

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The CCBHC cliff. About 128 CCBHC expansion grants from FY2023 end that day. Medicaid transition, certification and cost reporting need to be in place before then.

HOW HIQUITY AWARD INTELLIGENCE WORKS

Track	Read the cycles	Profile winners	Prepare early
Every new SAMHSA award, every year, not just our clients'.	Which programs surged, paused, ended or are due back.	Who wins each program, where, and at what size.	A readiness plan in place before the NOFO is released.

Where does your organization fit?

Request a free FY2027 Opportunity Map for your organization.

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Method: new (-01) competitive awards from SAMHSA grant award exports for FY2023–FY2026 NOFOs, pulled September 28, 2026. Excludes block grants, SOR/TOR, PAIMI and state 988 agreements. Applicant type and rural status are HiQuity classifications. Rural population share: USDA Economic Research Service.