

# APPROPRIATIONS PRIORITIES

The Overdose Prevention Initiative at the Global Health Advocacy Incubator (GHA) advances policies that prevent overdose deaths and protect continuity of care. Federal appropriations determine whether communities can sustain their prevention, treatment, and recovery infrastructure or face gaps that cost lives. This document highlights GHA's top three appropriations priorities for FY2027.

**GHA requests targeted appropriations that help states, territories and Tribal communities prevent overdose and protect continuity of care.**

## State Opioid Response (SOR) and Tribal Opioid Response (TOR) Program

Give states and Tribal communities flexible resources to expand prevention, treatment, recovery supports, and harm reduction based on local need.

## Substance Use Prevention, Treatment, and Recovery Services (SUPTRS) Block Grant

Provides reliable formula funding that states use every year to sustain core substance use services and fill gaps that other payers do not cover.

## Programs of Regional and National Significance (PRNS)

Fund targeted, time-limited initiatives that strengthen capacity for specific populations and priorities, including evidence-based programs and technical assistance that help systems improve and scale what works.

## Why these funds matter for overdose prevention:

The approaches with the strongest evidence require delivery capacity and continuity, including Medicaid coverage for treatment, telehealth access, treatment for people in the criminal justice system and broad access to overdose reversal medications.

Federal dollars also shape what states and Tribes can sustain year to year, not just what they can pilot for one grant cycle. Appropriations for grants add to federal spending, and better health outcomes can reduce health care costs over time, even as longer lives can increase spending in programs like Medicare and Social Security.



**Senate appropriations budget reduction totals, compared to FY2025 enacted levels:**

- **\$26 million overall reduction across substance use disorder programs**
- **47.6 million across mental health programs**

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Below is a list of critical programs to community-based mental health and substance use supports facing elimination, reductions and/or uncertainty at a time of persistently high need:

## Substance Use Disorder

- Opioid Treatment Programs/ Regulatory Activities
- Screening, Brief Intervention, and Referral to Treatment (SBIRT)
- Targeted Capacity Expansion
- Grants to Prevent Prescription Drug/ Opioid Overdose
- First Responder Training
- Pregnant and Postpartum Women
- Emergency Department Alternatives to Opioids
- Treatment, Recovery, and Workforce Support
- Recovery Community Services Program
- Children and Families
- Treatment Systems for Homeless
- Minority AIDS
- Criminal Justice Activities
- Improving Access to Overdose Treatment
- Building Communities of Recovery
- Peer Support Technical Assistance Center
- Comprehensive Opioid Recovery Centers
- Youth Prevention and Recovery Initiative
- Addiction Technology Transfer Centers
- Minority Fellowship Program

## Mental Health

- Project AWARE (reduction not elimination)
- Mental Health Awareness Training
- Healthy Transitions
- Infant and Early Childhood Mental Health
- Interagency Task Force on Trauma-Informed Care
- Children and Family Programs
- Consumer and Family Network Grants
- Project Launch
- Mental Health System Transformation
- Primary and Behavioral Health Integration
- Primary and Behavioral Health Care Integration Technical Assistance
- Minority Fellowship Program
- Disaster Response
- Homelessness
- Eating Disorder Identification, Treatment, and Recovery
- National Strategy for Suicide Prevention (reduction not elimination)
- Mental Health Crisis Response Grants
- 988 Lifeline (reduction not elimination)
- American Indian and Alaska Native Suicide Prevention (reduction not elimination)
- Tribal Behavioral Health Grants (reduction not elimination)
- Homeless Prevention Programs
- Minority AIDS
- Criminal and Juvenile Justice Programs
- Assisted Outpatient Treatment
- Assertive Community Treatment for Individuals with Serious Mental Illness
- Garrett Lee Smith – Youth Suicide Prevention Resource Center
- Practice Improvement and Training
- Consumer and Consumer Support Technical Assistance Centers

**Cutting these programs may reverse the recent decline in overdose deaths and will harm communities affected by the overdose crisis.**