

Workforce Education and Training

Expanding staff recruitment and retention with statewide funding

CalMHSA is deeply invested in cultivating new approaches to support county staffing shortages. Partnering with counties on the Workforce Education and Training (WET) component of the Behavioral Health Services Act, CalMHSA lends operational expertise to help build the public behavioral health workforce.

Practical Support

CalMHSA support ranges from application assistance and program implementation to contract management, allowing counties to focus on what they do best – caring for their communities and those who turn to them for services.

Available Funding

- Loan repayment to public mental health professionals serving in high-need positions
- Undergraduate scholarships to students in exchange for service learning in a public mental health system agency
- Post-graduate stipends for clinical masters and doctoral education service within a local public mental health system agency

Tailored Regional Solutions

Regionally, CalMHSA also helps counties design award distribution and funding strategies in a collaborative space that works with neighboring counties – including opening the funding to community-based organizations they partner with, allowing their staff to also benefit.

New for FY 2024-25

- Building greater efficiency with automated employment verification and award distribution
- Enhanced data reports to inform county decision-making
- Continued technical assistance to counties and awardees



NEARLY **\$27 MILLION**
IN SCHOLARSHIP STIPENDS,
LOAN REPAYMENT & RETENTION
PAYMENTS.



2,550
RECIPIENTS

RECIPIENTS IN

51

COUNTIES



“I have so much gratitude for this amazing award. It will help alleviate my financial stress in paying my educational loan.”

—
LOS ANGELES COUNTY LOAN
REPAYMENT WET AWARDEE