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>>> SOR Flex Funding Guidance and FAQs

State Opioid Response (SOR) funding is flexible to assist in responding to the needs of patients. Funding already awarded to your community can be redirected to activities within the funding restrictions as needed. Funding can also be used to support telehealth services through equipment for providers of services and to support clients residing in all types of recovery housing in need of additional supports. Please review the funding flexibility guidance and work with your project lead to identify ways to redirect funding to support clients and organizations in adapting to the current circumstances. Implement any needed changes as soon as necessary and if you have questions please email your project lead or Ellen.Augspurger@mha.ohio.gov.

View Summary of SOR Funding Flexibility
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>>> Recovery Requires a Community Response to COVID-19

The Recovery Requires a Community program helps individuals with a behavioral health diagnosis by providing financial assistance for transitioning from nursing homes to sustainable community living. The program typically provides one-time or short-term assistance to help with costs associated with challenges to an individual's ability to live in the most integrated setting. In response to COVID-19, Recovery Requires a Community funds will be permitted for expanded use on a time-limited basis to help individuals at risk of institutionalization by assisting with additional costs, including supplies and other needs, so individuals can remain in the community. The funds may be utilized to support housing providers for individuals living in Class Two Residential Facilities (RF2's) who are at risk of admission or returning to an institution, such as a nursing facility

Examples of allowable uses of Recovery funds include, but are not limited to:
- Cleaning and hygiene supplies to prevent community spread;
- Food costs due to sheltering in place;
- Staffing hours to provide increased supervision according to individuals' health needs and shelter in place requirement; and
- Other needs that would support RF2 operators in providing safe and healthy housing for individuals in the community.

One funding award of $425 will be permitted for each facility, e.g., an operator who has multiple licensed facilities must submit forms for each RF2. In order to participate, operators must be willing to accept Recovery funds via direct deposit and submit three documents:
1. COVID-19 Expansion Checklist list
2. W-9 Form
3. ACH Enrollment Form with copy of voided check or bank statement

Completed forms may be submitted either by email Recovery@mha.ohio.gov or fax 614.488.4504. Once the forms are submitted, you will receive funds from Morning Star Financial Services of Ohio, the fiscal management service provider for the program.

>>> COVID-19 Housing Resources
The following COVID-19 resources are available on the OhioMHAS Housing Resources web page:
Special Population Isolation Activities During COVID-19
Supporting Providers in Group Living Situations During COVID-19
Supporting Residents in Group Living Situations During COVID-19

>>> Prevention Technology Transfer COVID-19 Resources
The Prevention Technology Transfer Center (PTTC) Network has made available a variety of Pandemic Response Resources for prevention providers. During this time of crisis, be sure to check out PTTC's Prevention Practitioner's Role in Disaster Response. The purpose of this checklist is to prepare the prevention practitioner for their role before and after disasters, since they have unique skills that can assist and align with disaster response efforts.

For more information on Ohio's response to COVID-19, visit coronavirus.ohio.gov or call 1-833-4-ASK-ODH (1-833-427-5634). For behavioral health-specific information, visit: https://mha.ohio.gov/coronavirus. For behavioral health-related questions, email covid19BH@mha.ohio.gov. For COVID-19-related OTP questions, email OTP_COVID19@mha.ohio.gov, for Housing questions, email COVID19Housing@mha.ohio.gov and for Telehealth questions, email COVID19BHTelehealth@mha.ohio.gov.

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