

## **HEART Fund**

House Bill 701, passed by the 2021 Legislature, authorizes up to \$6 million in recreational marijuana tax to be placed in a special revenue account. This money can be matched with federal Medicaid funds as allowed for the purposes of:

(a) substance use disorder prevention;

(b) mental health promotion; and

(c) crisis, treatment, and recovery services for substance use and mental health disorders.

(3) The programs must be designed to:

(a) increase the number of individuals choosing treatment over incarceration;

(b) improve access to, utilization of, and engagement and retention in prevention, treatment, and

recovery support services;

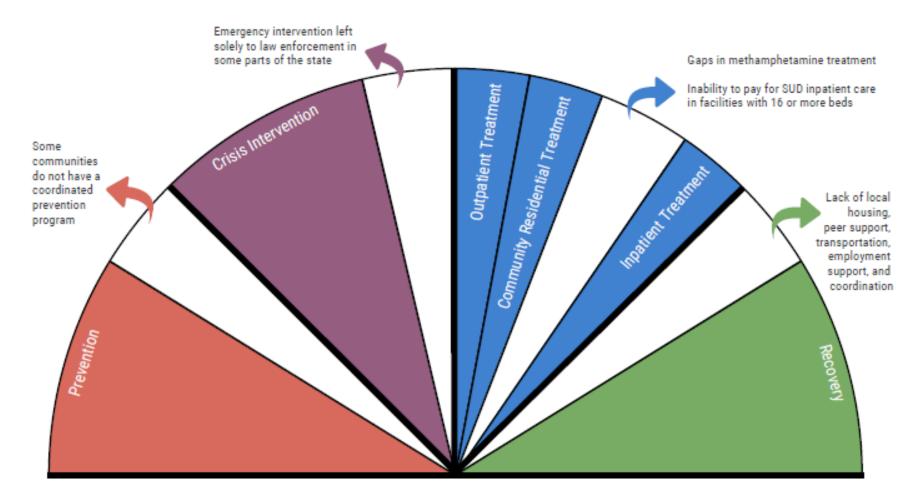
(c) expand the availability of community-based services that reflect best practices or are evidence based.

In addition:

(4) (a) An amount not to exceed \$500,000, including eligible federal matching sources when applicable, must be used to provide funding for grants and services to tribes for tobacco prevention and cessation, substance use disorder prevention, mental health promotion, and substance use disorder and mental health crisis, treatment, and recovery services.

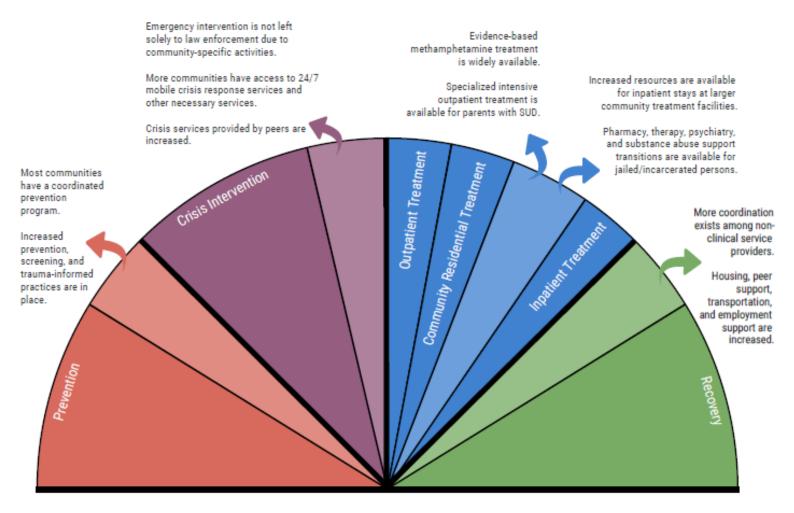


#### **HEART Fund Vision—Filling in the Gaps**





### **HEART Fund Vision**





# **HEART Fund Vision (continued)**

Prevention	Crisis Intervention	Treatment	Recovery
<ul> <li>Resources for community-based prevention are doubled, allowing for stronger local coalitions and more evidence-based prevention practices.</li> <li>Trauma-informed prevention programs for K-3 statewide.</li> <li>Targeted prevention for substance-exposed youth</li> <li>Universal substance use screening for youth in schools and primary care.</li> <li>Vaping prevention and cessation for adolescents and young adults.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Community-specific activities intended to decrease the strain on law enforcement.</li> <li>Increased number of communities with 24/7 access to mobile crisis response services.</li> <li>First responders have additional resources for training and response capacity.</li> <li>Montanans in crisis have access to services close to home, including regional medical crisis hubs.</li> <li>Increase in crisis services provided by peers.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Tobacco cessation statewide as part of all treatment programs.</li> <li>Specialized intensive outpatient treatment for parents with SUD.</li> <li>Evidence-based methamphetamine treatment.</li> <li>Increased resources for inpatient stays at larger community treatment facilities.</li> <li>Integrated behavioral health in primary care settings, including emergency rooms.</li> <li>Pharmacy, therapy, psychiatry, and substance abuse support transitions for jailed/incarcerated persons.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Peer support services integrated into additional settings.</li> <li>Housing, peer support, transportation, and employment support are increased.</li> <li>Coordination among non-clinical service providers.</li> </ul>



# Tools we will use to implement the HEART Fund

- 1. Use federal block grant to expand prevention programs (no HEART fund dollars).
- 2. Provide grants to Tribes (\$500,000).
- 3. Provide grants to jails for behavioral health services (\$1,000,000).
- 4. Replace general fund for Crisis Diversion Grants with special revenue fund (\$1,000,000).
- 5. Implement 1115 Behavioral Health Reform Waiver.

#### **Next Steps**

• Consultation with Tribes re 1115 Waiver.