

U.S. Rep. Kind: Announces over \$46 million to Wisconsin in American Rescue Plan funding for grants to address addiction, mental health crisis

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Washington, DC - Today, **Rep. Ron Kind** announced the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) is distributing \$46 million in funding to support mental health and substance use treatment in Wisconsin. This funding, which was made available by the American Rescue Plan, will help communities across Wisconsin address mental health and substance use needs during the COVID-19 pandemic.

“Throughout the COVID-19 pandemic, our nation has seen a sharp rise in mental health and substance use disorders,” said **Rep. Ron Kind**. “It’s critical that the state of Wisconsin has the necessary resources to respond to this crisis and expand access to treatment for mental health and substance use disorders. This funding, which was made possible through the American Rescue Plan, will go a long way towards ensuring all Wisconsinites can access the services and support they need.”

The Community Mental Health Services Block Grant (MHBG) Program and Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment Block Grant Program (SABG) will each disperse \$1.5 billion to states and territories - \$3 billion in total. Wisconsin will receive over \$46 million.

The MHBG program enables states and territories to provide comprehensive

community mental health services and address needs and gaps in existing treatment services for those with serious mental health conditions. The SABG program allows states and territories to plan, implement and evaluate activities to prevent, treat and help more people recover from substance use disorder. This funding will also allow recipients to make investments in existing prevention, treatment and recovery infrastructure, promote support for providers and address unique local needs to deliver substance use disorder services.

People searching for treatment for mental or substance use disorders can find it by visiting <https://findtreatment.samhsa.gov> or by calling SAMHSA's National Helpline, 1-800-662-HELP (4357).

Rep. Kind serves on the Subcommittee on Health for the Ways and Means Committee, the most powerful - and the oldest - committee in the House of Representatives. It has jurisdiction over tax measures, the management of public debt, trade and tariff laws, Social Security, Medicare, pensions, and many other economic growth measures.