



**To: Maryland Association of County Health Officers
Maryland Association of Behavioral Health Authorities
Behavioral Health Providers**

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RE: Request for Proposals (RFP) for Crisis Response Grant Program (HB 1092)

The Maryland Department of Health (MDH) - Behavioral Health Administration (BHA) is pleased to announce an opportunity for Local Health Departments (LHDs), Local Behavioral Health Authorities, (LBHAs), Core Service Agencies (CSAs), Local Addiction Authorities (LAAs), and community providers statewide to apply for funding to develop and/or expand behavioral health crisis services.

Per House Bill 1092/Senate Bill 703 (2019) funding has been identified to create services that provide access or linkages to treatment through mobile crisis services, crisis walk-in services, crisis stabilization, or residential crisis beds to those in need of immediate, in-person crisis intervention and stabilization.

The attached Request for Proposals outlines in detail the application guidelines. Proposals will be rated by a team of reviewers in a competitive process. Strict adherence to the RFP guidelines is expected for a successful proposal. The BHA's mission to provide treatment services and supports that promote recovery, resiliency, health and wellness for individuals who have, or are at risk for, emotional, substance-related, addictive, and/or psychiatric disorders should also be referenced. The proposal should demonstrate how the applicant will implement the BHA mission via the proposed plan.

Providers are to submit proposals directly to their respective LBHAs/CSAs/LAAs by **Friday, June 19, 2020 by 5:00 PM**. Contacts for the LBHAs/CSAs/LAAs in each jurisdiction will accompany the RFP.

LBHAs/CSAs/LAAs are to submit selected proposals (limit 3) and request for grant funds to BHA by email to Proposals.CrisisPrograms@maryland.gov by **Friday, July 10, 2020 by 5:00 PM**

Any questions regarding this solicitation should be submitted electronically by email to Proposals.CrisisPrograms@maryland.gov by **Monday, June 1, 2020 by 5:00 PM**.

Upon selection by the BHA, you will be notified and provided with a date, time, and location of a grantee and stakeholder implementation meeting.

The BHA thanks you for your interest and looks forward to assisting providers in furthering the development of a much-needed crisis response system. If you have any questions, please email

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