

SAMHSA Awards \$383.4 M in Grants to Strengthen Mental Health Services

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On September 8 – designated as [988 Day](#) – the federal Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) announced over [\\$383.4 million in federal grants](#) aimed at expanding national mental health and substance use resources. The funding directs \$252 million to suicide prevention, mobile crisis partnerships, and local 988 Lifeline capacity, including specialized support for tribal communities. The remaining funds are split between substance use treatment and prevention (\$81.4 million), focusing on rural emergency services, overdose prevention, and youth programs, and mental health initiatives (\$50 million), designed to address pediatric trauma, integrate primary and behavioral care, and establish school-based support.