

MIDD SI-03 OneTable Briefing

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**OneTable funding to SI-03 “Outreach Treatment on Demand”**

Intent: People with serious behavioral health issues are often at risk of housing instability. When they are in crisis, it occurs where they are, not necessarily when they are at a clinic. Taking the time to do outreach and ‘find’ and serve individuals who do not readily come to clinic-based appointments is key. Some of the county’s most vulnerable individuals are often not readily able to attend regular clinic appointments. Such individuals often *do* respond positively to tenacious, caring individuals who show an investment in them.

A portion of MIDD SI-03 funds have been set aside to support a switch in the model of behavioral healthcare so that treatment can go to the person, whether housed or living on the streets. Mobile services and expanded hours of service are needed. The modest MIDD funding for 2019-2020 can support a pilot of a more intensive model of care. Such a pilot, if successful, could be expanded in future years from other funding streams.

Funding allocation: \$2.4 million; half is 2019-2020 only

Distribution of funds:

\$2.2 million      Housing Outreach Partners – RFP (see attached)

\$200,000        Services and Housing to Access Recovery Program (SHARP)

SHARP was a new grant-funded program that began in late 2016, helping individuals who are chronically homeless, single adults with co-occurring mental health and substance abuse disorders obtain and maintain housing. All SHARP participants are referred by Coordinated Entry for All (CEA). SHARP is typically assigned individuals with significant service needs that are not connected to other services, thereby requiring considerable effort to outreach, engage and place into housing. SHARP fills an important service gap in the CEA referral and housing placement process. SHARP has been successful in housing this vulnerable population, achieving the remarkably high rate of 95% housing retention (73 of 77) after two years. SHARP has requested \$200,000 for 2020 to bridge a partial funding gap while the program secures remaining sustainable funding.