

STATE FUNDING

MEDICAL MARIJUANA REVENUE

Act 16 of 2016 requires ten percent of the revenue in the Medical Marijuana Program fund to be allocated to DDAP for substance use disorder (SUD) prevention, counseling and treatment services.

STRENGTHEN THE DRUG AND ALCOHOL TREATMENT SYSTEM

STUDENT LOAN REPAYMENT - \$19.8 MILLION

To support and stabilize the SUD workforce, \$8,818,155 million from the Medical Marijuana revenue fund was awarded through a student loan repayment program administered by DDAP beginning SFY 2021-22. In total, 253 eligible applicants from the SUD field were awarded. The average total award per applicant was \$68,000. Clinical and medical personnel from DDAP-licensed treatment providers as well as individuals providing Single County Authority (SCA) or SCA-contracted case management services were eligible to apply for these funds. Selected candidates were able to demonstrate a minimum of two prior years of experience in the SUD field and provided a service commitment of two additional years. DDAP will continue to address SUD workforce talent retention and recruitment by offering a second SUD LRP funding opportunity which was released in January 2024. Criteria was expanded to include prevention, recovery services professionals, clinical supervisors, and some administrative staff with previous direct service experience. Approximately \$11 million of the Medical Marijuana Program funds (plus an additional \$11 million from the McKinsey Settlement funds).

This report is accurate as of May 2024; program development and procurement are ongoing.