

- MEMORANDUM -

DATE: September 21, 2022
TO: All ACBH Staff
FROM: Sanjida Mazid, Manager, Workforce Development, Education and Training
SUBJECT: **Get Ready! State Behavioral Health Loan Repayment Program, Round 2 – Application open from Oct. 1 – Nov. 15, 2022**



ALAMEDA COUNTY BEHAVIORAL HEALTH WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT EDUCATION AND TRAINING UNIT announces:

STATE BEHAVIORAL HEALTH LOAN REPAYMENT PROGRAM

APPLICATION

Alameda County Behavioral Health Workforce Development Education and Training (ACBH WET) is pleased to announce that **Round 2 of the State Behavioral Health Loan Repayment Program (BHLRP) will be open from October 1 through November 15, 2022.** All potential applicants are highly encouraged to complete an application on the State's online application portal: [BHP Central Application 2022-23](#)

Program overview and requirements: BHLRP is funded by the State Health Care Access and Information (HCAI) Workforce Education and Training (WET) and the program is managed by the California Mental Health Services Authority (CalMHSA), which reviews eligible applications and generates agreements with the awardees. A limited number of awards will be available in Alameda County Behavioral Health Care (ACBH), and award recipients may receive *up to* \$10,000 towards the repayment of existing educational loans. The Loan Repayment Program is an employment retention tool to build up and fill service gaps in hard-to-fill/retain positions.

As such, awardees are required to continue to maintain their employment at their specified job site through the length of the 12 months service obligation period.

- The 2022-23 application cycle will be open from **October 1 through November 15, 2022**.
- All applications are submitted via the State’s online central application portal: [BHP Central Application 2022-23](#) (Applications submitted after the November 15th deadline will not be accepted.)
- This program requires that eligible ACBH applicants work in a “hard-to-fill” position as defined by ACBH. Please refer to the Alameda County [ACBH Eligibility Criteria](#).
- Eligible applicants must currently work in either an ACBH County-operated mental health setting, or in a contracted mental health community-based organization.
- For BHLRP Round 2, awardees will receive upfront loan repayment after the award determination is made.

Eligible provider roles for the program are:

Licensed Clinical Social Worker	Associate Clinical Social Worker
Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist	Associate Marriage and Family Therapist
Licensed Professional Clinical Counselor	Associate Professional Clinical Counselor
Licensed Psychiatrist	Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner
Licensed Clinical Psychiatric Pharmacist	

For an outline and details of the State Behavioral Health Loan Repayment Program see the [Alameda County BHLRP Program Guide](#).

For application questions please email: wet@calmhsa.org

For eligibility criteria or eligible worksite questions please email: sanjida.mazid@acgov.org

Alameda County is committed to supporting the behavioral health care needs of our community, and those that serve the community.

