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Human Services awarded emergency grant to support behavioral health response to 2019 federally-declared flooding disasters

BISMARCK, N.D. – The North Dakota Department of Human Services' Behavioral Health Division has been awarded a \$4 million grant from the federal Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) to support the state's behavioral health response to the 2019 federally-declared flood disasters.

The 2020 Disaster Response State Grant Program will focus on providing mental and substance use disorder treatment, crisis counseling and other related behavioral health supports for adults impacted by the 2019 North Dakota floods.

"The impact of the 2019 floods have been financially and emotionally challenging for many North Dakotans," said Behavioral Health Division Director Pamela Sagness. "This grant provides an opportunity to increase vital behavioral health services in the areas directly impacted by these natural disasters."

The 2020 Disaster Response State Grant Program covers individuals impacted by the 2019 floods in Adams, Barnes, Cass, Dickey, Eddy, Emmons, Foster, Grand Forks, Grant, Griggs, Hettinger, Kidder, LaMoure, Logan, McIntosh, McKenzie, Morton, Mountrail, Nelson, Pembina, Ransom, Richland, Sargent, Sheridan, Steele, Stutsman, Traill, Walsh and Wells counties.

The Behavioral Health Division is responsible for reviewing and identifying service needs and activities in the state's behavioral health system to ensure health and safety, access to services and quality services. It also establishes quality assurance standards for the licensure of substance use disorder program services and facilities and provides policy leadership in partnership with public and private entities. For more information, visit www.behavioralhealth.nd.gov/.

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