

# Behavioral Health Stipend Program

## REQUEST FOR APPLICATION (RFA)

### Program Administrator

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### I. PURPOSE

According to the California Department of Health Care Access & Information (HCAI), the state faces a 33% shortage of clinicians to meet demand for behavioral healthcare services. Too few associate clinicians are able to progress under supervision, and too few licensed clinicians are available to supervise and deliver care in community settings, widening the gap in access to care. In 2025, there is a 21.5% and 30.3% shortage of associate providers in San Bernardino and Riverside counties, respectively, compounded by a substantially greater shortage of licensed providers, at 53.3% and 58.1%.

In response, Uncommon Good, is pleased to release a Request for Applications for the **Behavioral Health Stipend Program (BHSP)**. This program is designed to advance the licensure pathway for Associate Marriage & Family Therapists and Social Workers by supporting the completion of required supervision hours, while empowering Licensed clinicians to mentor and supervise Associates in community-based settings. BHSP provides stipends of up to \$40,000 in exchange for a two-year service commitment in San Bernardino and Riverside Counties. Eligible participants include Associate Marriage & Family Therapists (AMFT), Associate Clinical Social Worker (ACSW), Licensed Marriage & Family Therapists (LMFT), and Licensed Clinical Social Worker (LCSW).

### II. ABOUT UNCOMMON GOOD

Uncommon Good is a nonprofit organization with the mission of breaking the intergenerational cycle of poverty through programs in education, health, and urban farming. One of its programs is Medicine for the Economically Disadvantaged (MED) through which health practitioners receive educational loan repayment assistance in return for serving low-income populations.

For more information on Uncommon Good, please visit: <http://uncommongood.org/>

### **III. ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA**

The deadline to apply is June 30, 2026.

#### **Associate Criteria**

*To be eligible, an associate must:*

- a. Be registered as an AMFT or ACSW in California
- b. Be actively working toward clinical licensure
- c. Commit to two (2) years of service at an eligible practice site in San Bernardino and Riverside Counties
- d. Provide a minimum of 2,000 hours of supervised clinical work experience toward licensure during the commitment period

#### **Licensed Criteria**

*To be eligible, a licensed clinician must:*

- a. Have a current and active California license as an LMFT or LCSW
- b. Be actively providing clinical supervision to an AMFT or ACSW
- c. Commit to two (2) years of service at an eligible practice site in San Bernardino and Riverside Counties
- d. Provide a minimum of 208 or 416 units of supervision time to an AMFT or ACSW during the commitment period

#### **Practice Site Criteria**

Eligible practice sites include Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHCs), FQHC look a-likes, and county behavioral health agencies located in underserved areas in the San Bernardino and Riverside Counties.

You can also search for practice sites using the [Find a Health Center](#) tool.

### **IV. AWARD REQUIREMENTS**

Awardees must:

- a. Complete application, including all required personal information and supporting documents
- b. Submit the Board of Behavioral Sciences (BBS) Weekly Log of Experience Hours at the end of every month
- c. Participate in annual surveys
- d. Participate in the exit survey upon completion of the two (2) year commitment

## **V. AWARD DISBURSEMENT**

Award stipend will be disbursed in the following manner:

- a. Awardees will be required to sign a contract with Program Administrator
- b. Award stipends will be disbursed in three (3) phases: at program start, upon completion of the first year, and upon completion of the second year and fulfillment of the service commitment
- c. Awards are considered taxable income
- d. Award disbursement will be suspended if the awardee takes a leave of absence or leaves an eligible practice site

## **VI. APPLICATION SUBMISSION**

For the application visit: [www.uncommongood.org/](http://www.uncommongood.org/)

Submit the completed application, copies of all required professional licenses or associate registrations (LMFT, LCSW, AMFT, or ACSW), and the most recent tax return via mail or e-mail to Program Administrator:

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