

Examples of Possible Reason(s) for Request- Flex Funds

This is not meant to be an exhaustive list. Requests for funding (within reasonable amounts) will be considered only after all other sources have been ruled out.

Note: This funding is available for community-based recovery strategies/supports to assist in the discharge from the hospital/CSU/jail/prison/residential treatment and/or to prevent the (re)admittance/(re)arrest, that are necessary to support recovery in the least restrictive level of care. This funding is also available to support individuals in their recovery journey in the areas of social/recreational, educational, employment, symptom management, hobbies, etc., when all other sources of funding have been ruled out. This funding is available for cases that have been discussed at collaboratives such as MI/ID, SRC, and Collaborative Care, or which the complexities have been brought to the attention of StarkMHAR and/or individuals being served in priority programs 1-4 as defined in the RFP guidance document. All applications will be considered on an individual basis and are contingent on available funds.

DISCHARGE FROM HOSPITAL/CSU (ADMISSION RELATED TO MENTAL HEALTH SYMPTOMS AND/OR ADDICTION)

1. In-home services to assist with return home by _____ (name of support service or organization)
2. Back utility bill (up to \$600) due to lengthy hospitalization (inability to pay bill related to hospitalization for mental health symptoms and/or addiction)
3. Security deposit, first month's rent, or assistance with utility bill (up to \$600 each), when entitlements have been suspended due to lengthy hospitalization (admission related to mental health symptoms and/or addiction)
4. Care for client's pet while in the hospital to prevent removal of pet from home
5. Symptom reduction accommodation

PREVENT (RE)HOSPITALIZATION

1. Peer support in order to transition to the community after a prolonged stay for mental health symptoms and/or addiction
2. Symptom reduction accommodation

STABILIZE CRISIS SITUATION

1. Strategy that assists when client is experiencing a crisis situation (i.e., symptom management)
2. Temporary pet boarding

SUPPORT TRANSITION TO LOWER LEVEL OF CARE (LOC)

1. Symptom management strategy, reinforcement of treatment goals, social/recreation/hobby/interest(s), etc., to support client transition to lower level of care

STEPDOWN FROM ALCOHOL AND/OR OTHER DRUG (AoD) RESIDENTIAL TREATMENT

1. Security deposit or assistance with utility bill (up to \$600 each) in order to move to a sober living environment (recovery housing)
2. Symptom management strategy, reinforcement of treatment goals, social/recreation/hobby/interest(s), etc., to support client transition to lower level of care

PREVENT UTILIZATION OF EMERGENCY DEPARTMENTS

1. Symptom management strategy, social/recreation/hobby/interest(s), reinforcement of treatment goals, etc.

PREVENT EVICTION/HOUSING SUPPORTS

1. Assistance with bed bug prevention (i.e. mattress covers, totes, etc.)
2. Storage totes when clients are working on organization and de-cluttering when linked to hoarding
3. Assistance with furniture/appliance purchase/delivery expenses (up to \$400.00)
4. Cleaning supplies

TRAUMA-INFORMED STRATEGY

1. Strategy that help the client feel safe and/or in control
2. Symptom management strategy to assist when triggers occur

CULTURALLY AND LINGUISTICALLY COMPETENT STRATEGY

1. Strategy that aligns with the client's identified culture

SUPPORT EVIDENCE-BASED PRACTICE – TRANSITION TO INDEPENDENCE PROCESS (TIP), MOTIVATIONAL INTERVIEWING (MI), ETC.

1. Bus passes to support entry into education or employment, or to teach client how to ride bus

2. Strategy that assists in “meeting the client where they are at” (engagement strategy and access)

SYMPTOM MANAGEMENT

1. Music ‘system’ (i.e., iPod/speakers) when client’s report it will assist with decreasing symptoms
2. Headphones
3. Games (handheld/board)

REINFORCEMENT OF TREATMENT GOALS

1. Payment for gift cards with small increments to reward good behavior, meeting goals, etc.
2. Organizational supplies for helping clients staying organized and keeping appointments (i.e., calendar, dry erase board, dry erase markers, organizational container with folders)
3. Backpacks for individuals that are homeless in order to secure documents, transport belongings, etc.
4. 30-minute legal consult with Legal Aid (\$30.00)

SOCIAL/RECREATION/HOBBY/INTEREST(S)

1. Gym/recreation center membership
2. Canton Museum of Art membership
3. Art supplies/knitting supplies/sewing items/scrapbooking supplies
4. Model car kits
1. Bus pass to get to a social/recreational activity (when other community resources have been ruled out)
2. Bicycle/helmet/bike lock
3. Photography supplies
4. Cooking classes
5. Fishing license

EDUCATIONAL/EMPLOYMENT

1. Examination (i.e., GED, SAT) fee
2. Bus pass to get to an educational activity (i.e., presentation, class)
3. Fees for birth certificate and or/license – educational and employment barriers without them (when other community resources have been ruled out)
4. Graduation cap and gown
5. Clothing/shoes for job interview
6. Clothing required for job (i.e., work permitted safety shoes)
7. One-time fee for mandatory drug test
8. Bus pass or gas for getting to and from newly acquired job (when other community resources have been ruled out)