

National Council Advocacy Alert

The National Council for Behavioral Health (National Council) sent out the following advocacy alert to its members. National Council is advocating for additional federal funding for behavioral health providers. Please see the alert below:



This week, the National Council joined 40 other national and state advocacy organizations in a historic appropriations request for behavioral health organizations in response to COVID-19. The request - **an emergency supplemental appropriation of \$38.5 billion in direct payment** to on-the-ground providers and organizations - is one of the largest and most important appropriations requests of our time.

As COVID-19 has spread fear and anxiety across our nation, we have repeatedly asked you, our members, what you needed and how we could help. **We have heard you. You made your needs overwhelmingly clear: you need PPE, you need equipment, and most importantly you need financial resources to keep your doors open and the lights on.** You need this emergency supplemental to continue doing the lifesaving work you do in your community every day, serving individuals with mental illness and addiction.

Now that we have heard you and made this request, we need to make sure your legislators hear you too. Please take time today to write to them to ensure legislators across the country know what you are experiencing and urge them to support this appropriation request.

TAKE ACTION

Will you take two minutes today to urge your Member of Congress to support this direct emergency funding for behavioral health organizations? Read the [National Council's official request here](#).

As always, thank you for all you do.

Sincerely,

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Questions, contact [Jack Phillips](#).