



Committee: Senate Budget and Taxation Committee  
Bill: SB 599 – Behavioral Health Crisis Response Grant Program - Funding  
Hearing Date: March 6, 2025  
Position: Support

The Licensed Clinical Professional Counselors of Maryland (LCPCM) supports SB 599 – Behavioral Health Crisis Response Grant Program – Funding. This bill requires the Behavioral Health Crisis Response Grant Program to be funded at \$5 million for fiscal years 2027 through 2029.

This grant program provides funds to local behavioral health authorities and local core service agencies to support various crisis services, including mobile crisis response teams that provide care coordination and services to individuals experiencing crisis and often prevent them from seeking care in emergency departments. LCPCM strongly supports this bill as providing these services expeditiously is crucial in assisting individuals who are experiencing behavioral health trauma.

LCPCM is aware that the Maryland Department of Health has set aside \$5 million in the fiscal 2026 allowance to support the grant program. LCPCM respectfully requests funding be provided to continue the grant program in fiscal years 2027 through 2029.

LCPCM urges the Committee to give SB 599 a FAVORABLE Report.

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