



Process Solutions

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Timeline

March 2024	Deflection introduced using Behavioral Health Resource Network (BHRN) formula.
June 2024	Oversight and Accountability Committee (OAC) deliberated. Washington County asked OHA for delayed vote.
July 2024	OHA adopted formula on July 3. No public testimony allowed and no follow-up from OHA.
August 2024	Washington County alerted OHA to errors in the formula.
September 2024	OHA corrected errors. OAC did not revote on updated outcomes.

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Modernize the process

Advisory Board on Behavioral Health Resource Networks (BHRNs)

- New body to develop funding formula
- Subject to public process guidelines
- Diverse membership

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Clear process requirements

- Funding formula is a rule subject to the Administrative Procedures Act
- Consultation with impacted parties
- Hearings to understand challenges and opportunities; hear additional voices
- Make public comments accessible online

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Broadened OAC membership to include
Community Mental Health Program Directors

Mandatory audit provision by Secretary of
State's office

Help everyone access
substance use
disorder treatment in
their community.

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Formula Framework

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Budget reduction

Funding Cycle	Annual Funds	Percentage Change in Annual Funds	Total Funds After Set-aside
2022-2025	\$136,317,740	0%	\$408,953,221
2025-2029 Estimate	\$106,826,250	-22%	\$427,305,000

OAC proposed 25-29 formula

Variable	Weight
Medicaid population	30%
Houselessness count	30%
Arrests	20%
Drug overdose deaths	10%
Emergency room visits for drug overdoses	10%
Established a funding floor of \$500K a year	

OAC funding formula reality



Funding fluctuations that make sustainable programming impossible



Average annual county funding loss is **over 26%** up to **52%**



Some counties will be forced to discontinue services

Solution: SB 610

Build a sustainable solution for funding formula adoption.

Propose a temporary funding solution for 2025-29:

1. Ensure Oregonians can access substance use treatment in their community.
2. Minimize significant funding shifts that threaten sustainable and consistent service.
3. Uphold health equity as a goal.

Temporary funding solution: Public Health Modernization (PHM)

Established by Public Health Advisory Board
in 2017

Indicator Variable	Weight
Race and ethnicity	18%
Poverty	18%
Education	18%
English proficiency	18%
Rurality	18%
Health status	5%
Burden of disease	5%

Moving upstream

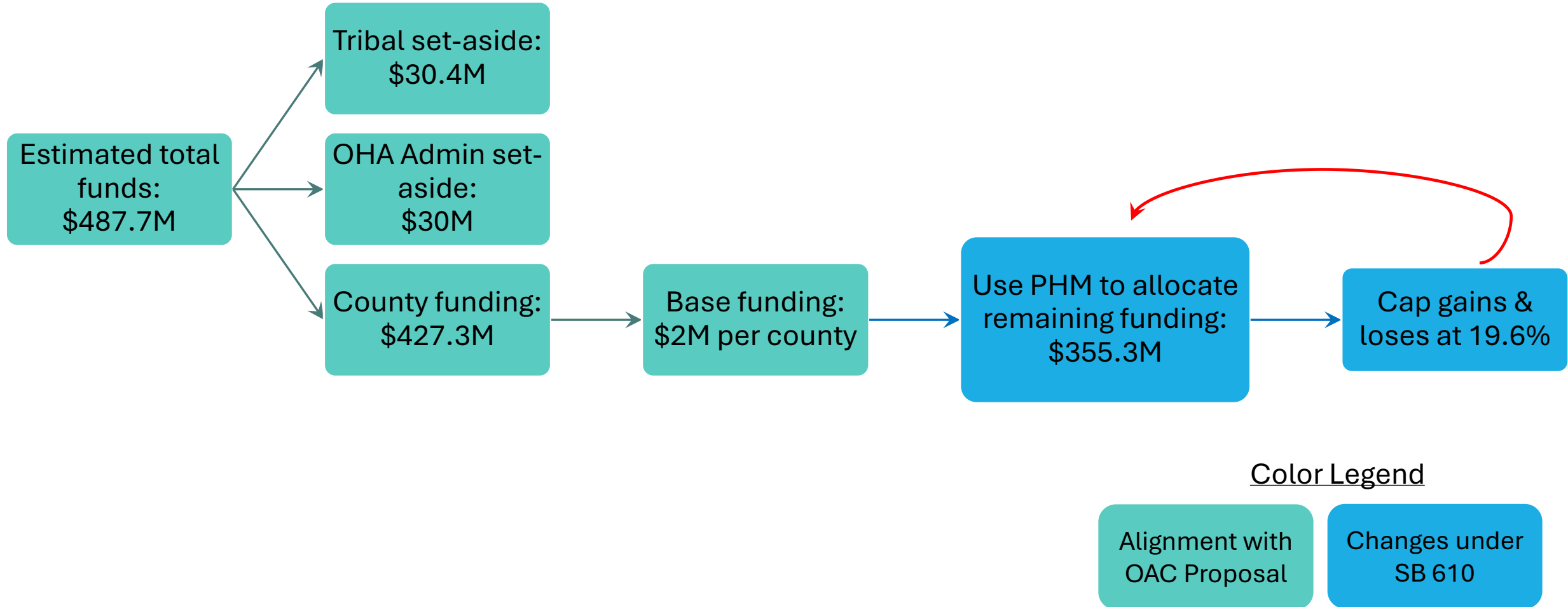


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PHM formula applied to other distributions

- February 2021: Epidemiology and Lab Capacity grant via Centers for Disease Control (CDC)
- February 2021: Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act – COVID Vaccination funding
- June 2021: Distribute \$8M in COVID Immunization funds
- July 2021: Distribute American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Public Health Workforce Funds
- December 2021: \$2M CDC Disease Investigation Specialists Workforce funds
- May 2022: Distribute \$10M in BM 108 Tobacco funding
- November 2022: \$140K in Fentanyl Campaign Funds to 26 counties
- July 2023: To estimate equitable distribution of community-based organization funding across counties
- August 2023: To distribute extra \$775K ARPA funds
- September 2023: To distribute extra \$400K to Local Public Health Authority in tobacco funding
- January 2024: Immunization Program

SB 610 Proposed interim methodology



SB 610 funding proposal summary

Tribal set aside and OHA admin

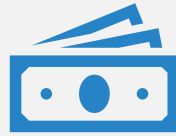
Base funding \$500,000

Use PHM to allocate funding

Cap county gain or loss at 19.6%

Equitable distribution of any additional funds

SB 610 funding formula impacts



Reduced funding fluctuations
make sustainable programming
possible



Average annual county funding
loss is 12% instead of **over 26%**



Impact to Services

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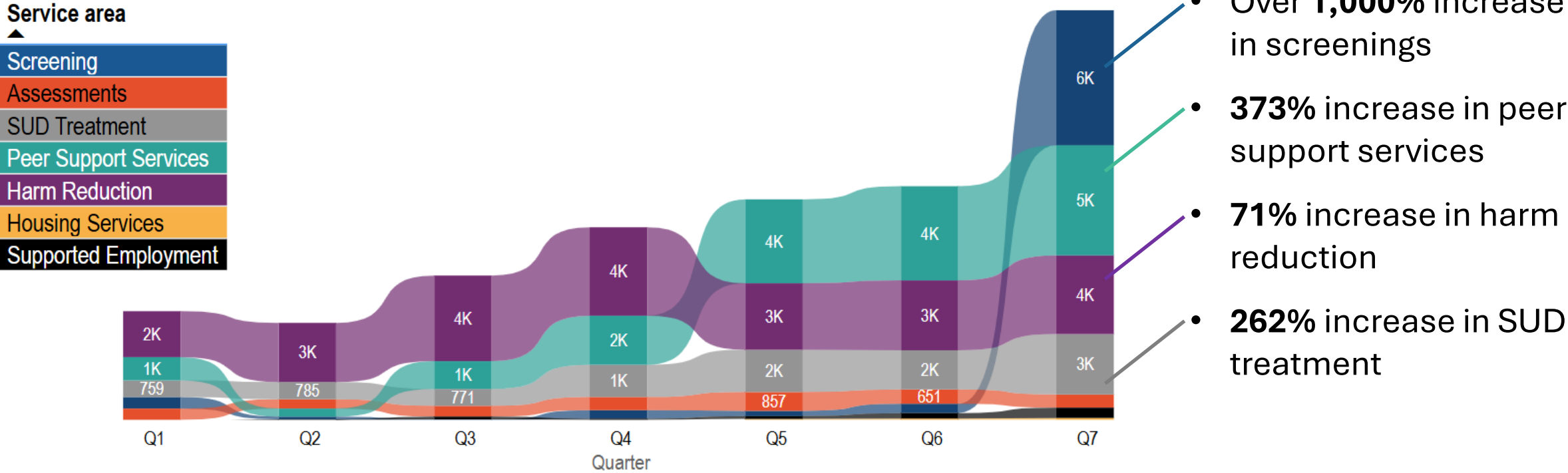


Behavioral Health Resource Network (BHRN) Services

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Services made possible by BHRN funding

Number of BHRN Encounters by Service Area - Washington County



Risks of losing sustainable funding

- Delayed care
- Worsening health conditions
- Increased overdose
- Amplified stigma discouraging people from seeking help
- Increased burden on neighboring regions
- Increased costs and outcomes
- Increased health care costs for all
- Increased impact on historically marginalized communities

Deflection cannot exist without the BHRN

Provides multiple types of
services and supports

Provides rapid access to
treatment

Decreases recidivism

Number of partner organizations,
Washington County deflection program services

