MMHLA MATERIA Maternal Mental Health LEADERSHIP ALLIANCE

# FY2026 Maternal Mental Health Funding Requests

# **Investing in maternal mental health = a stronger economy and a healthy nation.**

1 in 5 mothers suffer from maternal mental health conditions and 75% do not get the care they need for recovery. The corresponding cost caused by the health care burden and lost productivity is \$32,000 per mother-infant pair, amounting to \$14 billion annually. The bottom line: addressing maternal mental health conditions contributes to healthy mothers and families, a massive cost savings to U.S. taxpayers, reduced burden on our health care system, and a stronger economy (sources).

# National Maternal Mental Health Hotline (1-833-TLC-MAMA)

## \$8 Million Requested (+\$1 Million)

#### **Program Services**

24/7 voice and text resources and support by trained professionals to mothers and families impacted by maternal mental health conditions.

#### **Program Impact**

Since launching on Mother's Day 2022, the Hotline has assisted more than 56,000 helpseekers with response times less than 30 seconds.

## Purpose of Funds

- Support Hotline operations
- Provide outreach to mothers in rural areas
- Train Hotline counselors on best practices to support the unique needs of military servicemembers, Veterans, and their families

## **Effectiveness and Efficiency**

Continued funding will ensure transparency in the allocation of resources and efficiency in Hotline operations, while leveraging technology to enhance telehealth capabilities for those in need.

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## **About Us**

MMHLA is a 501(c)3 nonpartisan nonprofit organization leading national efforts to improve maternal mental health in the United States by advocating for policies, building partnerships, and curating information.

## State Maternal Mental Health and Substance Use Disorders Program

## \$13.5 Million Requested (+\$2.5 Million)

#### **Program Services**

Education, consultation, and resources to healthcare providers who support mothers.

#### **Program Impact**

Enables more frontline healthcare providers to screen and treat maternal mental health conditions, helping more mothers get the care they need.

#### Purpose of Funds

- Support 13 existing state programs
- Launch 3 additional programs
- Provide coordination and technical assistance
- Raise public awareness
- Increase access to care, particularly in rural areas and among tribal entities

## **Effectiveness and Efficiency**

Continued funding will promote cost efficiencies, improve telehealth services, and integrate maternal and child mental health access programs, thereby streamlining support systems and reducing administrative burdens.

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## **Common Sense Cost Savings**

Each state program receives approximately \$750,000 each year. This is the equivalent of less than \$2.50 per birth, compared to the cost of untreated maternal mental health conditions, which is \$32,000 per birth.