

**Workforce Education and Training
February 2024
ANNOUNCEMENT
Central Regional Partnership- Fresno County Loan Repayment Program**

Fresno County Department of Behavioral Health (DBH) is pleased to announce that the 2023 Fresno County Loan Repayment Program Cycle 3 formally opened on December 11, 2023. We encourage all potential applicants to go to [Staff Development | County of Fresno](#) to complete their application.

A limited number of awards will be available to Fresno County qualified mental health service providers and award recipients may receive at least \$11,500¹ towards the repayment of educational loans.

- ❖ Applications for the 2023 Cycle 3 formally opened on December 11, 2023, at: [Staff Development | County of Fresno](#)
- ❖ **Fresno County Loan Repayment Program (FCLRP) application must be submitted via the online application system by the new extended due date of March 8, 2024. Applications submitted after March 8, 2024, at 5pm PST will not be accepted.**

For resources on how to apply, please visit [Staff Development | County of Fresno](#)

- ❖ This program requires that eligible Fresno County qualified mental health service provider applicants work in a “hard-to-fill” position as defined by Fresno County DBH. Please refer to the Central Regional Partnership- Fresno County Loan Repayment Program Application and Program Guide for a listing of “hard to fill/retain” positions identified to meet our critical workforce needs.

Program overview and requirements:

- ❖ The Loan Repayment Program is a component of Fresno County’s Workforce Education and Training (WET) Program managed by the California Mental Health Services Authority, which reviews eligible applications and generates agreements with the awardees.
- ❖ Eligible applicants must work in the Fresno County Mental Health Plan (MHP). Options include:
 - Employed by and working in a County-operated mental health setting.
 - Employed by and working in a contracted, community-based school-based mental health agency or program under contract with the County Mental Health Plan.
 - Working under contract as an Individual or Group provider delivering services, on average, at least 25 hours per week to Department of Behavioral Health Mental Health Plan persons served
- ❖ Awardees are required to work for 12 months in a hard-to-fill or hard-to-retain position in Fresno County’s MHP before the funds will be applied to loans.

If you have any questions on the application process and requirements, contact **CaIMHSA** directly at wet@calmhsa.org. For questions on Fresno County mental health service provider eligibility and/or the listing of identified “hard to fill/retain” positions, contact Julie Thao, MHSA Education & Training Coordinator, at JThao@FresnoCountyCA.gov or by phone at 559.600.6846.

¹ Only applicable towards qualifiable educational loans (see “D. Qualifying and Non-Qualifying Educational Loans”). If loan amount is less than \$11,500 that amount will be awarded, if selected. If any remaining funds remain it may be equitably distributed to the awardees from all the rounds resulting in an increased award amount towards repayment of educational loans in exchange for a 12-month service obligation.



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