



317 Board and Osteopathic Heritage Foundation Investment Partnership VII: Service Continuity Fund



Funding Partnership

Since 2012, the Osteopathic Heritage Foundation (the Foundation) has collaborated with the 317 Board to support innovative and effective strategies designed to improve health and quality of life for vulnerable individuals and their families experiencing behavioral health disorders. Through a multi-year funding match, the partnership has allocated over \$3.4 million to programs and services in Athens, Hocking and Vinton counties.

The 317 Board and Foundation recognize the importance of a broad array of funding, including federal and state allocations, in the behavioral health system of care. Currently, the behavioral system of care is anticipating substantial changes to the process and amount of funding from federal and state agencies. To help eligible applicants prepare for these impending changes and ensure continuity of care at the local level, the 317 Board and the Foundation seek to partner to support essential behavioral health services in Athens, Hocking and Vinton counties by establishing a **Service**

Continuity Fund.

The Service Continuity Fund (the Fund) will support organizations experiencing significant, unexpected reductions in federal or state funding that directly impacts their ability to deliver essential programs and services. The Fund is intended to help bridge short-term funding gaps and maintain continuity of services while long-term solutions are pursued. To ensure continuity of essential services, the 317 Board and the Foundation will each allocate \$300,000, for a total of \$600,000 in new funding, to address critical needs.

Eligible Applicants

The following 317 Board Panel of Providers and affiliated organizations are eligible to apply: Athens Mental Health, Inc., Athens Photo Project, Health Recovery Services, Hopewell Health Centers, Integrated Services for Behavioral Health, John W. Clem Recovery House, My Sister's Place, NAMI Athens, Southeast Ohio Hope Center, Sojourners Care Network, TASC of Southeast Ohio and Women for Recovery.

Purpose and Availability of Funds

The purpose of funding is to address critical needs to enable agencies to provide necessary and essential services for current and newly presenting residents from Athens, Hocking and Vinton counties experiencing behavioral health issues. Applicants will document that a loss of funding has occurred due to federal and/or state policy and funding changes. Applicants will also demonstrate how funding from the Fund will prevent or delay program disruption and increase time for long-term planning. Requests to the Fund should be for current and essential needs; new or expanded programming will not be considered. Funding requests are welcome for the full amount that is needed, however initial awards will be limited to \$50,000; subsequent funding awards may be made, as funding permits.

Application Review and Disbursement

Applications will be accepted through June 30, 2026, or until the Fund is depleted. Applicants must submit one electronic application through the 317 Board's online application portal.

The 317 Board will serve as the program and grants administrator for the Fund, and in this capacity, will review and make timely funding recommendations supporting critical needs across agencies and counties. These recommendations from the 317 Board will be reviewed by the Osteopathic Heritage Foundation, as part of a joint approval process. The Foundation and the 317 Board will monitor the impact of the Fund on the system of care in Athens, Hocking and Vinton counties through quarterly reporting. It is anticipated a full report on the use of funds will be provided to Directors of the Osteopathic Heritage Foundation at the December 2026 meeting.