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The Idaho Behavioral Health Council (IBHC) was established in 2020 through a partnership between the three branches of Idaho state government. The mission of the Council is to develop and implement a strategic plan to improve access and provide better outcomes for Idahoans in need of behavioral health resources.

Pursuant to Idaho Code 57-825, the IBHC is also responsible for making recommendations to Governor Brad Little for the state portion of the Opioid Settlement Funds. The Idaho Intrastate Allocation Agreement provides that the funds received must be split 40% to the State, 40% to participating cities and counties, and 20% to participating health districts. After a public comment process open to state agencies, private entities, and members of the public, the Council received thirty-three (33) submissions with seventy (70) individual recommendations. The IBHC members voted on and recommended four (4) general spending priorities to the Governor on June 14, 2024.

These recommendations in order of priority were to **(1) increase the supply of behavioral health professionals**, **(2) prevention programs and housing (tied)**, **(3) treatment programs and supportive services for individuals in recovery (tied)**, and **(4) recovery services**.

Through a collaborative effort between the IBHC, the Office of the Governor, and the Division of Financial Management (DFM), the following proposals were included within the Governor's FY 2026 *Keeping Promises Budget* and appropriated by the Joint Finance and Appropriations Committee (JFAC) in the following ways.

Department of Juvenile Corrections

JFAC appropriated one-time funding for Youth Assessment Centers in both FY 2025 in the amount of \$1,291,000 and FY 2026 in the amount of \$2,500,000. Funding will be utilized to continue services that help prevent and divert youth from entering into the juvenile justice and child welfare systems.

| Funding Source | FY 2025 | FY 2026 |
|-----------------------|----------------|----------------|
| Idaho Millennium Fund | \$1,291,000 | \$2,500,000 |

The Governor recommended, and JFAC appropriated \$300,000 to fund the Substance Use Disorder Residential Treatment program. Funding will be utilized to cover the increasing cost of providing residential substance use treatment for youth in the juvenile justice system.

| Funding Source | FY 2026 |
|-----------------------|----------------|
| General Fund | \$300,000 |

Idaho State Police

The Governor recommended, and JFAC appropriated \$500,000 to continue the award-winning Fentanyl Takes All campaign through FY 2026. Since its launch in 2022, the data-driven education campaign has demonstrated marked improvement in the awareness levels among key audiences, including teens, young adults, parents, and caregivers on the dangers of fentanyl. The campaign is supported by the IBHC and aligns with the council's strategic action plan.

| Funding Source | FY 2026 |
|---------------------------------------|----------------|
| State Directed Opioid Settlement Fund | \$500,000 |

Department of Health and Welfare

JFAC appropriated \$1,350,000 to provide funding to eligible community-based recovery centers in the cities of Boise, Caldwell, Nampa, Emmett, Twin Falls, Idaho Falls, Pocatello, Moscow, Lewiston, and Coeur d'Alene. Funding shall be used to support the general operations of community-based recovery centers, including but not limited to, personnel costs, rent or lease expenses, and basic supplies.

| Funding Source | FY 2026 |
|-----------------------|----------------|
| Idaho Millennium Fund | \$1,350,000 |

The Governor recommended, and JFAC appropriated \$261,400 for an increase in two federal Mental Health Block Grant (MHBG) awards issued directly to the Division of Behavioral Health by the Center for Mental Health Services, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) to support crisis care and treatment services through the Idaho Behavioral Health Plan.

| Funding Source | FY 2026 |
|-----------------------|----------------|
| Federal Fund | \$261,400 |

The State Department of Education

JFAC appropriated \$3,500,000 for the Student Services Program, of which \$2,000,000 was appropriated for school resource officers, and \$1,500,000 was appropriated for after-school programs that provide education on the prevention and cessation for the use of tobacco, alcohol, and other substances.

| Funding Source | FY 2026 |
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| Idaho Millennium Fund | \$3,500,000 |