

STRATEGIC FUNDING FOR COLLEGIATE RECOVERY PROGRAMS (CRPS)



Securing diverse and sustainable funding is critical for CRPs to thrive and effectively support students in recovery. These programs are vital campus resources that enhance student success, resiliency, engagement, and retention.



Leveraging Federal Funding through State Pathways

- **Contact State Agencies:** State health departments may already hold federal funds (e.g., SAMHSA grants).
- **Reinforce Collaboration:** Build partnerships across agencies (e.g., WVCRN launched with SAMHSA SOR funds).
- **Align with Federal Mandates:** Tie proposals to policies like the Drug Free Schools and Communities Act.



Engaging Institutional & Private Donor Opportunities

- **Institutional Foundations:** Partner with campus foundations or advancement offices to pursue private donor grants and build long-term support.
- **Institutional Commitment:** Direct funding and dedicated staff positions demonstrate an institution's commitment to recovery.
- **Seed Grants:** Non-profits and community organizations can provide initial seed funding to launch or expand CRPs.
- **System-Wide Leadership:** Higher education systems can strengthen recovery by supporting CRP development across multiple campuses.



Strategic Budgeting & Proposal Development

- **Cost-Effectiveness:** CRPs save institutions and communities significant resources.
- **Staffing Solutions:** Graduate assistant roles can be cost-effective early staffing.
- **Comprehensive Proposals:** Include mission, timelines, and clear budgets.
- **Data-Driven Justification:** Use campus health data and surveys to show need.
- **Alignment with Goals:** Tie proposals to institutional and state priorities.

(ARHE, 2021; ARHE, 2025).