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Alliance Healthcare Services wins Tennessee Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services award for Pre Arrest Diversion Infrastructure Project

The Tennessee Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services (TDMHSAS) awarded **Alliance Healthcare Services (AHS)** a Pre Arrest Diversion Infrastructure Project (PADIP) in the amount of \$3.1 million. The Assisi Foundation, Shelby County Government, Community Foundation, Plough Foundation, and Alliance Healthcare Services provided the required matching funds.

TDMHSAS was provided \$15 million in non-recurring funds for the state fiscal year 2017-2018 to administer the Pre-Arrest Diversion Infrastructure Project. **These funds will supplement locally leveraged funds to create behavioral health jail diversion programs for those struggling with behavioral health needs.** Diversion programs such as these are an effective way to care for people in the best possible manner while saving both state and local resources.

Alliance Health Care Services collaborative team includes:

- Memphis Fire Department
- Memphis Police Department
- Shelby County Division of Community Services
- Shelby County Jail
- Local Court System

The primary goal of the PADIP is to reduce or eliminate the time individuals with mental illness, substance use, or co-occurring disorder spend incarcerated by redirecting them from the criminal justice system to community-based treatment and support. Through enhanced collaboration among local behavior health providers, law enforcement, fire services, and the judicial system, the PADIP aims to transform the way behavioral health service are delivered to individuals with low-level offenses who have behavioral health needs.

The PADIP aims to support communities in infrastructure development that will bolster efforts to (1) divert individuals with behavioral health needs away from jail and to appropriate community-based treatment, (2) enhance public safety by implementing effective strategies local communities can use regarding serving those in psychiatric crisis, (3) alleviate jail overcrowding, and (4) reduce costs related to prosecution and incarceration.

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