

**State Fiscal Year 2020-21
Substance Abuse and Treatment Block Grant
Exchange Program**

Background

The SABG Exchange Program was created to allow for flexibility in SABG spending for counties with a population of less than 40,000. These smaller counties lack sufficient populations and ongoing demand for specialized treatment services under the Perinatal and Adolescent/Youth Treatment (AYT) Set-Asides. By allowing the exchange of Perinatal and AYT funds for Discretionary funds, small counties have the ability and opportunity to best respond to treatment needs and diminish the possibility that they will need to return unexpended SABG funds. Counties participating in the Exchange Program are expected to utilize the increase of Discretionary funds to treat substance use disorder clients, including Perinatal and AYT clients, to the extent they have such clients. Counties providing perinatal services must meet the requirements set forth in the [Perinatal Practice Guidelines](#). The [Youth Treatment Guidelines](#) are designed for counties to use in developing and implementing AYT programs.

SABG Exchange Program for State Fiscal Year (SFY) 2020-21

For SFY 2020-21, the SABG Exchange Program amounts for Perinatal and AYT are equal to the SFY 2019-20 amounts. Thirteen California counties qualify to participate in the SFY 2020-21 SABG Perinatal and AYT Set-Aside Exchange Program. The Perinatal and AYT Set-Asides are proportionately distributed to the remaining forty-four counties, while reducing their Discretionary amounts by that amount. For a summary of the exchange amounts, see Exhibit C, Part 2, "State Fiscal Year 2020-21, SABG Exchange Program Summary of Exchanges."

Counties interested in initiating or discontinuing participation in the SABG Exchange Program must notify DHCS by email at SABG@dhcs.ca.gov by July 15, 2020.