

**San Francisco Department of Public Health
Division of Behavioral Health Services**



Supporting Treatment and Reducing Recidivism (STARR):

Funding for September 1, 2022 - June 1, 2026

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Overview

- Request to retroactively authorize DPH to accept and expend \$6M to fund the Supporting Treatment & Reducing Recidivism (STARR) program
 - For September 1, 2022 - June 1, 2026
- Funded through Prop 47 CA Board of State and Community Corrections (BSCC), which funds mental health services, substance use disorder treatment, and/or diversion programs for criminal justice involved individuals.
 - Also, total amount of matching funds is \$3.1M from General Fund due to minimum cost sharing requirement.
- STARR provides residential treatment beds, low threshold case management, and wraparound support services.
 - Serves criminal justice-involved adults with co-occurring substance use disorder and mental health issues.
 - Focuses on jail diversion, recovery, and community reentry.
 - **Goal:** To work with individuals with behavioral health needs who have had contact with the criminal justice system to reduce recidivism and improve health and housing status of participants
- DPH has received funding for this programming for two prior cohorts: July 2017 to June 2021 and September 2019 to February 2023.

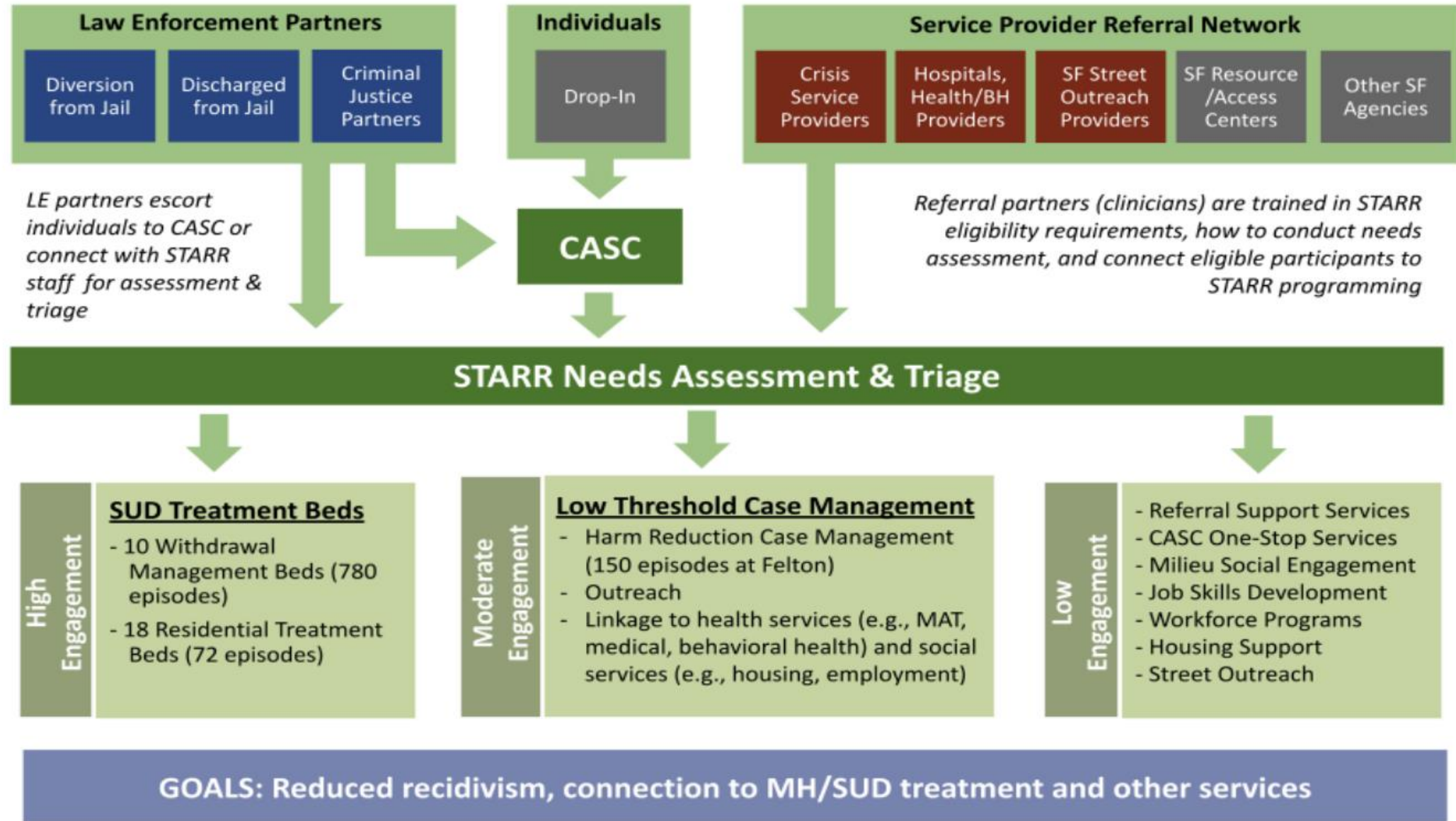


What will STARR do in Cohort 3?

- Primarily continues to fund CBOs currently providing case management and treatment
 - Salvation Army Harbor Light Center, to provide:
 - 10 withdrawal management beds (for at least 780 episodes)
 - 18 residential SUD treatment beds (for at least 72 episodes)
 - Felton Institute to provide 100 low threshold case management slots for at least 150 clients
- STARR also funds supports for the program
 - SF Public Health Foundation: to offer engagement items (e.g., work clothes)
 - DPH: Staffing to supervise the project, monitor and triage referrals and navigation, conduct assessments, and collect and analyze data.



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Changes in Cohort 3

- Program changes:
 - Decentralizing approach for intake, assessment, and triage to increase access points to services.
 - Residential SUD beds funded by STARR reduced to 18.
 - Funding for prior cohorts overlapped, allowing for more beds; Cohort 3 does not.
 - DPH will maintain the 22-bed count with General Fund for this fiscal year while working on a sustainability plan for the future.
 - Salvation Army also privately funds non-contracted beds in their programs.



Improvements in Cohort 3

- Improvements:
 - CBO staffing & wage analysis is underway with CON.
 - Cohort 1 experienced delays due to slow hiring.
 - Since July 2022, 50% occupancy for withdrawal management and 75% for residential SUD with a trend upwards
 - Cohort 2 had low bed census during COVID, when outbreaks closed access point and intakes.
- Aim to build upon successes:
 - Cohort 1 showed a statistically significant decrease in arrests
 - No program participants enrolled in the first two years of Cohort 2 have recidivated.



Thank You



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