

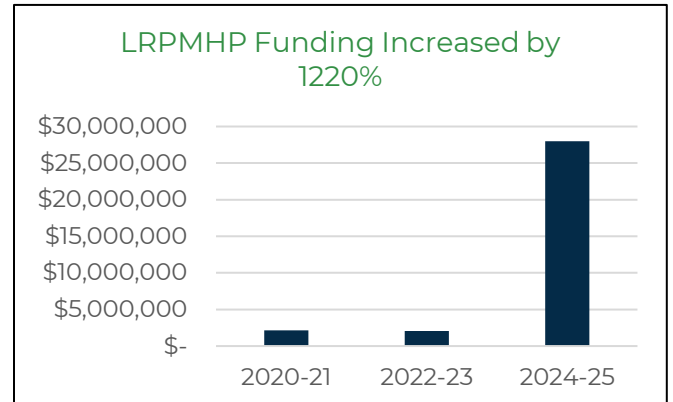
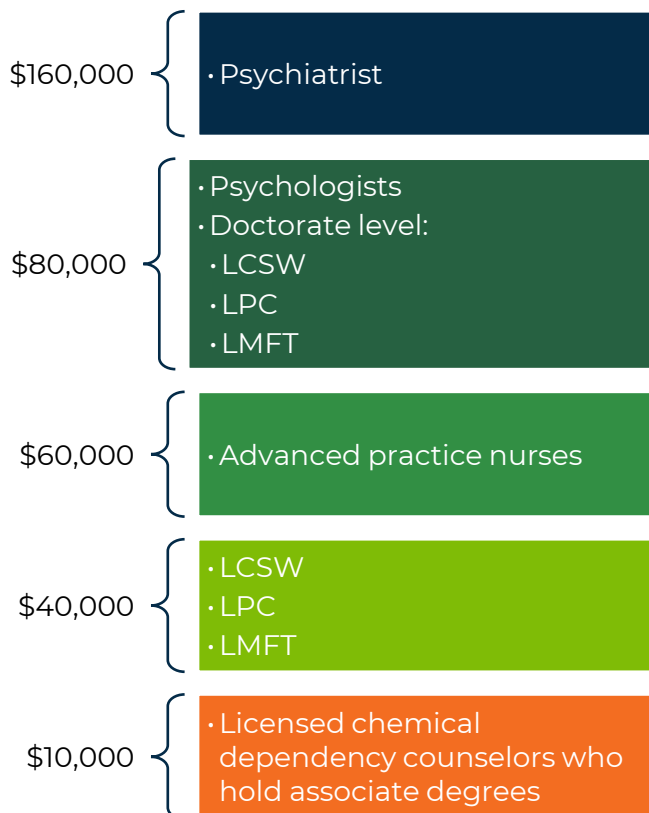
Texas Loan Repayment Program for Mental Health Professionals (LRPMHP)



The Texas Loan Repayment Program for Mental Health Professionals (LRPMHP) was established in 2015 to address the shortage of mental health providers in the state. LRPMHP works to encourage qualified providers to provide care in Mental Health Professional Shortage Areas (MHPSAs) and to provide health care services to Medicaid and the child health plan program (CHIP) recipients.

During the 88th session, the legislature substantially increased funding for the program from \$2 million to \$28 million over the biennium, expanding the opportunity for providers to participate. Additionally, SB 532 was signed into law, expanding the number of eligible applicants and reducing the period of service from five years to three years.

Participating providers are awarded different amounts of loan repayment based on their provider type and will be awarded one third of their loan balance (or of maximum amount) each year.



Qualifications

Among other qualifications, an applicant must:

- Commit to practicing in one of the state's shortage areas for 3 years,
- Serve Medicaid and CHIP patients, and
- Not be currently fulfilling another obligation as part of a scholarship or loan agreement.

Other Important Information

- If a health center has multiple locations, the [HPSA](#) designation used in an application corresponds to the location at which the provider is practicing.
- Participants can change sites and continue to participate at other qualifying MHPSA sites.
- A provider that is participating in the LRPMHP cannot also be receiving loan forgiveness from another program.

Applications are accepted on a yearly basis.

More information can be found on the [Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board website](#).