



2023 ASSEMBLY BILL 351

July 17, 2023 - Introduced by Representatives TITTL, SNYDER, SPIROS, SORTWELL, ARMSTRONG, BEHNKE, DONOVAN, KITCHENS, MAGNAFICI, MOSES, PLUMER, ROZAR, SUBECK and DITTRICH, cosponsored by Senators CABRAL-GUEVARA and JAMES. Referred to Committee on Health, Aging and Long-Term Care.

1 **AN ACT to create** 46.48 (33) of the statutes; **relating to:** grants to mental health
2 clubhouses.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

This bill requires the Department of Health Services to award grants to clubhouses. A “clubhouse,” as defined in the bill, is a nonresidential rehabilitation program that provides support and services to individuals who have or are awaiting diagnosis for a mental illness but does not directly provide treatment or medical care for mental illnesses. To receive a grant, a clubhouse must include members who have been diagnosed with or are awaiting diagnosis for a mental illness and are under treatment for the condition, raise an amount of money itself to receive a matching grant, provide activities and services to members on a voluntary basis, have its own distinct physical space, and allow members to have the opportunity to participate in the administration and other operational functions of the clubhouse. The bill allows, if applicable, the Joint Committee on Finance to make a supplement using its passive review process for the purposes of providing grants to clubhouses.

For further information see the state fiscal estimate, which will be printed as an appendix to this bill.

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

3 **SECTION 1.** 46.48 (33) of the statutes is created to read:

ASSEMBLY BILL 351**SECTION 1**

1 46.48 **(33)** MENTAL HEALTH CLUBHOUSES. (a) In this subsection, “clubhouse”
2 means a nonresidential rehabilitation program that provides support and services
3 to individuals who have or are awaiting diagnosis for a mental illness but does not
4 directly provide treatment or medical care for mental illnesses.

5 (b) The department shall award grants to clubhouses in a total amount of no
6 more than \$500,000 per fiscal year and no more than \$50,000 per clubhouse per fiscal
7 year. The department may not award a grant to a clubhouse unless the clubhouse
8 meets all of the following criteria:

9 1. Every member who receives services at the clubhouse has been diagnosed
10 with or is awaiting diagnosis for a mental illness and is under treatment for that
11 condition.

12 2. The clubhouse raises an amount of money to match the grant amount
13 requested. The department may not award a grant to a clubhouse that exceeds the
14 money raised by the clubhouse.

15 3. Membership in clubhouse activities and services is voluntary.

16 4. The clubhouse has its own distinct physical space separate from a mental
17 health center or institution.

18 5. Members of the clubhouse have the opportunity to participate in the
19 administration and other operational functions of the clubhouse.

20 **SECTION 2. Nonstatutory provisions.**

21 (1) SUPPLEMENT FOR GRANTS TO MENTAL HEALTH CLUBHOUSES. If applicable, the
22 joint committee on finance may make from moneys appropriated to it a supplement
23 for purposes of this act under the process described under s. 20.928 (2m).

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