

Article II – Health and Human Services

In addition to amounts appropriated elsewhere in this Act, it is the intent of the Legislature to provide funding for the following mental health programs for fiscal year 2026:

(a) New Capacity for Mental Health Services and Inpatient Facilities.

(1) Facility in the Coastal Bend.

\$20,000,000 in General Revenue in Strategy G.4.2, Facility Capital Repairs and Renovation at SSLCs, State Hospitals, and Other, to construct a 50-bed state hospital maximum security facility in the Coastal Bend region.

(2) Grant Program to Construct a Mental Health Inpatient Facility.

\$20,000,000 in General Revenue in Strategy G.4.2, Facility Capital Repairs and Renovation at SSLCs, State Hospitals, and Other, to establish a one-time grant program to construct a mental health inpatient facility with at least 50 percent forensic capacity as listed below. Facility to be operated by the local mental health authority or under contract with the local mental health authority. Land, site work, and utility and infrastructure connections for any construction project must be donated.

Of this funding: (a) \$20,000,000 is to be used for construction of up to 100 inpatient beds in Nueces County.