

# School-Based Health Centers RFA



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## Weekly FAQ

Please send your questions about the Request for Funding Applications (RFA) or application to [AdolescentHealthUnit@doh.wa.gov](mailto:AdolescentHealthUnit@doh.wa.gov) by Friday at 5:00 PM. We will post answers to frequently asked questions to the [SBHC WA Portal webpage](#) by the following Tuesday. Check back regularly for updates.

Last updated: May 13, 2024.

### May 13 Update:

**Is it acceptable to provide letters of support from school district programs, like an English language development program or homeless resource program, for the community letters of support?**

Yes, these are an appropriate fit for the community letters of support.

**Will there be a separate opportunity for behavioral health improvement behavioral health funds?**

Not currently. We don't expect to have additional funds to open an application for SBHC behavioral health improvement projects this year.

**We currently have a DOH operations grant that is funding multiple SBHCs. Are we eligible?**

If you are currently supporting multiple SBHCs with your existing award, you can apply for another operations grant. Please be clear in your application how you propose to use both grant awards and explain the community and financial need you are trying to address.

### May 7 Update:

**Will the planning grant roll into an operations grant in year 2?**

Additional funding depends on the availability of state funds and grantee readiness. Planning grantees must complete all planning grant deliverables and demonstrate readiness for the next grant phase. See the SBHC grant renewal criteria section of the [SBHC Grant Requirements](#) for more detailed information.

Typically, the grant phases are:

1. Planning grant (gathering information and creating a plan for an SBHC)
2. Start-up grant (implementing the SBHC plan and starting SBHC services)
3. Operations grant (continuing, improving, or expanding SBHC services)

## **Are current DOH grantees eligible for additional funding?**

Current SBHC start-up and operations grantee sites are not eligible for additional funds, but your organization could apply for an SBHC site that is not currently funded by the DOH SBHC grant program (i.e., different SBHC/school but same SBHC sponsor/project lead).

Current DOH [behavioral health improvement grantees](#) are eligible for additional funding from an operations grant because these are different project focuses.

## **If our SBHC is starting up, can we apply for operations grant funding?**

We only have funding available for planning and operations grants for this RFA. SBHCs that are awarded an operations grant must be operational (providing regular services) during the grant period.

## **Can the grant funds be used to pay for staffing?**

Yes, staffing is an allowable cost for both planning and operations grants. Please see Table 1 of the RFA for a list of allowable costs.

## **If there is a school that is prepared to start-up an SBHC, can an application for a start-up grant be submitted without having to go through the planning phase?**

We do not have funding available for start-up grants for this grant cycle (September 2024 through June 2025). This RFA is only for planning and operations grants.

## **Do mobile clinics qualify as an SBHC for the purpose of these grants?**

Mobile clinics could qualify as an SBHC, as long as they meet the grant requirements (Table 2 of the RFA, or Table 1 of the [SBHC Grant Requirements](#)).

## **Does the SBHC have to provide both medical and dental treatment, or is dental only sufficient?**

The SBHC must provide comprehensive medical and behavioral health services. We do not require dental services, but SBHCs can choose to provide it. See the Table 2 of the RFA (or Table 1 of the [SBHC Grant Requirements](#)) for more information on the required services.

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