

## DEPARTMENT OF BEHAVIORAL HEALTH

### NOTICE OF FUNDING AVAILABILITY

RFA: #RM0 SBH 042619

### FY 20 COMPREHENSIVE EXPANSION OF SCHOOL-BASED BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICES

#### **Purpose/Description of Project**

The Department of Behavioral Health (DBH) is soliciting applications of Community Based Organizations (CBOs) within the behavioral health sector to provide school-based behavioral health services in District of Columbia Public Schools (DCPS) and District of Columbia Public Charter Schools (DCPCS). A CBO may apply to provide services based on its projected capacity to hire and place full-time licensed clinicians in school placements. A CBO shall be responsible for the implementation of services within the Comprehensive School Mental Health model.

DBH will allocate funding to develop and further expand the District's Comprehensive School-Based Behavioral Health System in the District's schools that have been categorized as high need, based on an established set of behavioral health and at-risk indicators. The selected CBOs will participate in a Community of Practice (CoP) collaborative framework to leverage school, provider, and agency expertise around successful interventions; provide opportunities to learn and adopt additional evidence-based practices; and help both schools and providers build capacity to increase collaboration and coordination. Additionally, the selected CBOs will participate in the overall evaluation of the implementation.

This solicitation will include two application opportunities:

- **Competition #1** – New Community Based Organizations (FY 20 New CBOs)
- **Competition #2** – Returning Community Based Organizations (FY 19 Expansion CBOs)

Please note: Applicants can only apply for one competition.

#### **Eligibility Requirements**

**All applicants (Competition #1 & Competition #2) must:**

1. Comply with all applicable District licensing, accreditation, and certification requirements, as of the due date of the application.
2. Have at least one service location physically within the District of Columbia.

**Competition #1 applicants must:**

1. Have at least two years of experience (as of the due date of the application) providing child and youth behavioral health services.

**Competition #2 applicants must:**

1. Have a current grant agreement with DBH to provide school based behavioral services in Cohort 1 schools.
2. Demonstrate satisfactory grant compliance (timely submission of programmatic and fiscal reports) and past performance in Cohort 1 schools.

3. Have fully (or at minimum partially) executed Memorandum of Agreement(s) with Local Education Agencies of Cohort 1 schools.

### **Implementation Requirements for Competition #1 and Competition #2**

1. **Be contracted with all Medicaid Managed Care Organizations or demonstrate the capacity to become contracted up to 180 days after the award.**
2. **Be enrolled as a Medicaid provider and a participating provider with the Department of Health Care Finance (DHCF) up to 90 days after the award.**
3. **Have an Organizational National Provider Identifier (NPI) number through National Plan & Provider Enumeration System up to 30 days after the award.**
4. Have claims and billing operational experience and infrastructure to obtain reimbursement for services rendered in a school setting.
5. Be committed to implementing school-based prevention, early intervention and treatment services.
6. Be able to quickly recruit and hire licensed full-time clinicians who are dedicated to providing culturally and linguistically competent services to children and their families.
7. Committed to participating in all Community of Practice and evaluation activities.
8. Have the supervisory capacity to supervise the prevention, and early intervention and treatment services within the comprehensive school mental health model.
9. Be able to collect and report utilization and outcome data. Provide data reports monthly, quarterly, annually and as needed.

### **Implementation Requirements for Competition #2**

1. Provide a plan for continuation of existing partnerships in Cohort 1 schools.
2. Provide a plan for expansion of partnerships, if desired, into additional Cohort expansion schools.

### **Length of Award**

Grant award will be made from date of award through September 30, 2020. The grant may be continued up to four additional years based on documented project success and availability of funding for a total of five years.

### **Available Funding** **Competition #1**

Three million five hundred ninety-five thousand six hundred eighty-nine dollars (\$3,595,689) are available to fund prospective CBOs to expand into new Cohort expansion schools beyond Cohort 1 schools which were identified in SY18-19. There is availability for multiple awards of up to \$53,667 per school matched to the CBO. CBOs are eligible to have no more than 25 schools in their portfolio for the entirety of their grant award.

## **Competition #2**

Two million five hundred seventy-six thousand sixteen dollars (\$2,576,016) are available for continued grant awards to support the existing partnerships in Cohort 1 schools. There is availability for multiple awards of up to \$53,667 per school matched to the CBO. CBOs are eligible to have no more than 25 schools in their portfolio for the entirety of their grant award.

## **Request for Application (RFA) Release**

The RFA will be released Friday, April 26, 2019. The RFA will be posted on the website of the Office of Partnerships and Grants, [www.opgs.dc.gov](http://www.opgs.dc.gov) under the District Grants Clearinghouse. Please direct any questions to Dr. Charneta C. Scott at [charneta.scott@dc.gov](mailto:charneta.scott@dc.gov).

## **Pre-Application Conference**

A pre-application conference will be held at DBH, 64 New York Avenue NE, Washington, DC 20002, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, DBH Training Rm. 285 on Wednesday, May 1, 2019 from 2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. ET. For more information, please contact Dr. Charneta C. Scott, Project Manager at [charneta.scott@dc.gov](mailto:charneta.scott@dc.gov).

## **Deadline for Applications**

The deadline for submission is Wednesday, May 29, 2019 at 4:45 p.m. ET.