

**DEPARTMENT OF BEHAVIORAL HEALTH
NOTICE OF FUNDING AVAILABILITY
RFA: #RMO SMH 071318**

COMPREHENSIVE EXPANSION OF SCHOOL-BASED MENTAL HEALTH

Purpose/Description of Project

The Department of Behavioral Health (DBH) is soliciting applications of Community Based Organizations (CBOs) within the mental health sector to provide School Mental 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 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 identified as within the top 25 percent of need based on behavioral health indicators. The selected CBOs will participate in a new Community of Practice 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 first year of implementation.

Eligibility

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.
2. Comply with all applicable District licensing, accreditation, and certification requirements, as of the due date of the application.
3. Have at least one service location physically within the District of Columbia.
4. Be paneled with all Medicaid Managed Care Organizations or demonstrate the capacity to become credentialed prior to award.
5. Operational experience and/or capacity to provide treatment & billing in school setting
6. Interested and committed to expanding comprehensive school based behavioral health services
7. Able to quickly recruit and hire licensed clinicians who are dedicated to providing culturally and linguistically competent services to children and

their families and to participation in Community of Practice and evaluation activities.

8. Have the supervisory capacity to supervise the clinical, prevention, and early intervention services within the comprehensive school mental health model that the CBO delivers and participate in Community of Practice and evaluation activities.
9. Able to collect and report utilization data, outcome data, and satisfaction survey data.

Length of Award

Grant award will be made for a period of October 1, 2018 – September 30, 2019. Grant recipients will be expected to begin start-up activities by November 1, 2018.

Available Funding

One million nine hundred and one thousand dollars \$1,901,000 are available to fund prospective Community Based Organizations.

Request for Application (RFA) Release

The RFA will be released Friday, July 13, 2018. The RFA will be posted on the website of the Office of Partnerships and Grants, www.opgs.dc.gov under the District Grants Clearinghouse. Please direct any questions to Dr. Charneta C. Scott at charneta.scott@dc.gov.

Deadline for Applications

The deadline for submission is Monday, August 6, 2018 at 4:45 p.m. ET.