

DC Department of Behavioral Health

Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA)

FY27 School Behavioral Health Services Comprehensive Expansion

The District of Columbia, Department of Behavioral Health (DBH) is soliciting applications from qualified applicants for services in the program and service areas described in this Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA). This announcement is to provide public notice of the DBH's intent to make funds available for the purpose described herein. The applicable Request for Application (RFA) will be released under a separate announcement with guidelines for submitting the application, review criteria, and DBH terms and conditions for applying for and receiving funding.

General Information:

Funding Opportunity Title:	FY27 School Behavioral Health Services Comprehensive Expansion
Funding Opportunity Number:	RFA RM0 SBH082826
Opportunity Category:	Competitive
DBH Branch/Division Unit:	Prevention and Early Intervention Division
DBH Administrative Unit	Child, Adolescent, and Family Services
Program Contact:	Charneta C. Scott, Ph.D., Project Manager 202.654.6175 charneta.scott@dc.gov
Program Description:	This RFA will deliver prevention, early intervention, and treatment services by Community Based Organizations (CBO) providers within the Comprehensive School Behavioral Health Model in 52 District of Columbia Public Schools (DCPS) and District of Columbia Public Charter Schools (DCPCS).
Eligible Applicants:	Eligible entities are: 1. A CBO in the behavioral health sector with at least one (1) service location within the District of Columbia (DC). 2. Two (2) years of providing a full continuum of behavioral health services to children and youth in schools.
Anticipated Number of Awards:	The Department is looking to award no more than 4 separate awards to cover 52 schools. Of the 52 schools, 6 require a full-time clinician, 31 require a part-time clinician, and 15 require a prevention specialist.
Anticipated Amount Available:	Up to \$3,180,000
Floor Award Amount:	N/A
Ceiling Award Amount:	Clinician Category: Up to three (3) awards - \$900,000*

	Prevention Specialist Category: Up to one award - \$600,000* *See RFA for specific funding model per category.
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Funding Authorization:

Legislative Authorization:	Local Appropriated Funds
Cost Sharing/Match Required?	No
RFA Release Date:	Friday, August 28, 2026
Pre-Application Conference (Date):	Tuesday, September 8, 2026
Pre-Application Conference (Times):	12:00 pm ET
Pre-Application Conference (Microsoft Teams Access):	Pre-Application Conference RFA RM0 SBH082826
Application Deadline Date:	Tuesday, September 22, 2026
Application Deadline Time:	by 12:00 pm ET
Links to Additional Information about this Funding Opportunity:	Serve DC: Mayors Office of Community Affairs DBH RFA Opportunities: DBH - Request to Applications

Notes:

- A. DBH reserves the right to issue addenda and/or amendments subsequent to the issuance of the NOFA or RFA, or to rescind the NOFA or RFA.**
- B. Awards are contingent upon the availability of funds.**
- C. Individuals are not eligible for DBH grant funding.**
- D. Applicants must have a UEI#, Tax ID#, and be registered in the federal Systems for Award Management (SAM).**
- E. Contact the program manager assigned to this funding opportunity for additional information.**
- F. Due to the current CBO grants ending at the end of the fiscal year (FY26), this is being posted less than two weeks apart. There is a need to structure for the least disruption in school behavioral health services experienced by students, families, and schools.**