



## Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

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- 1. I understand that the current funding is secured until 2024, and while it is a while out, what is the current consensus on this program being funded for future years?***

Answer: The anticipated performance and funding period is May 4, 2020 – September 30, 2021. Subsequent to the first 16-month budget period, funding will be awarded for up to 3 option years. The number of awards, budget periods and award amounts are contingent upon the continued availability of funds and the recipient performance.

- 2. I recall you indicating that if services cannot be provided at the school that space must be available at the agency; does that mean that staff other than the assigned School-Based Behavioral Health Services staff can provide services or must the agency have specific physical space for the assigned School-Based Behavioral Health Services staff to provide services?***

Answer: The “must have at least one site in DC” is to facilitate access to services for students and families. The recognition is that there may be times when there are additional services that the student and/or family may need outside of the school-based settings. Depending on the array of services that the Community Based Organization (CBO) offers, staff other than the assigned School-Based Behavioral Health clinician may provide services to the family at the office location or in the community.

- 3. During the presentation, you indicated that, “Each CBO will be provided funding to support a 1:6 supervisor: clinician ratio”; can you please elaborate on this more?***

Answer: The Department of Behavioral Health is utilizing the 1:6 supervisor: clinician ratio for the funding allocation for supervision of the Community Based Organization (CBO) clinicians within the District’s expansion of School-based Behavioral Health Services. The current model requires a CBO to place a full-time licensed clinician in each Cohort school partnership where the CBO has a CBO/Local Education Agency (LEA) Memorandum of Agreement (MOA). In cases where the number a CBO’s school partnerships is less than 6 or over an increment of 6, the funding is prorated for no more than a total of 25 schools across all cohorts.

- 4. What is expected of the CBO in terms of “upfront costs”?***

Answer: Each CBOs existing resources will vary. Common types of initial expenses include:

Cost of posting position hiring announcements for recruiting, cost of Criminal Background Checks, cost of therapeutic supplies, and cost of manualized curriculums to support prevention and early intervention services.

5. ***I understand that each CBO is capped at twenty-five (25) schools to provide services; does this also mean that there is an expectation of having a 1:6 supervisor: clinician ratio per school?***

Answer: The current model requires a CBO to place a full-time licensed clinician in each Cohort school partnership where the CBO has a CBO/Local Education Agency (LEA) Memorandum of Agreement (MOA). In cases where the number a CBO's school partnerships is less than 6 or over an increment of 6, the funding is prorated for no more than a total of 25 schools across all cohorts.

6. ***During the presentation, you indicated that, "There is availability for sixty (60) awards up to \$53,667 per school matched to the CBO..."; what specifically would this amount cover and is this the amount that a CBO should use to initiate the budget?***

Answer: The funding will support the non-billable services provided by the licensed full-time clinician. Additionally, the cost of manualized curriculums and therapeutic supplies may also be purchased from grant funds.

7. ***Does our agency have to have a 501-C3 to apply for the grant?***

Answer: In the case of RFA No. RM0 SBH022120 – RFA Title: School-Based Behavioral Health Services Comprehensive Expansion (Cohort 3), the eligibility requirements do not state that a CBO has to be a 501(c)(3).

A CBO does not have to have 501(c)(3) to apply for RFA No. RM0 SBH022120.

8. ***One of the requirements for eligibility is that the applicant must have at least one site in DC. It does not say that this requirement must be met by the application submission deadline. Does this mean that we are not required to have a DC office by the submission deadline to be eligible, but we must have one by the start date of cohort 3?***

Answer: If awarded, a DC office must be established at least 90 days from the time of award.

9. ***In the Contract section of the budget, does consultant also mean contractors?***

Yes, consultant also means contractor.