

School-Based Behavioral Health Peer Support Services RFA



Weekly FAQ

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

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Can community organizations that have a fiscal sponsor apply for this grant?

The applicant will act as the fiscal agent, meaning the applicant is responsible for managing the finances and operations of the project. The applicant must have the capacity and infrastructure to manage the finances and operations of the project as well as handle invoicing and payments. You will be asked to describe plans for oversight and monitoring of grant funds. The applicant must be in possession of a current license in good standing to do business in Washington state, or an equivalent as applicable.

Can you clarify if the award amount is up to \$65,000 per year for each year of the program or is it \$65,000 spread over the course of the project.

The total award amount is up to \$65,000, the grant awards will be for 12 months. The 65k will be dispersed over the course of the project, usually quarterly. Grantees may receive additional funding in the July 2025 through June 2026 grant cycle based on meeting grant deliverables and the availability of state funding.

Are there certain criteria required for peer support program staff to be certified or trained?

It is a required grant activity that peer support groups or activities for students with mental and behavioral health be advised, supervised, or monitored by qualified behavioral health professionals. There must be a plan for responding and coordinating care for students who need additional behavioral health support. However, certification and training isn't required to be in place at the time of the application and these are allowable grant activities and costs. Please demonstrate in your application how your project will fulfill these requirements or additional barriers and supports needed to fulfill these grant activities.

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