

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 [SBHC WA Portal webpage](#) by the following Tuesday. Check back regularly for updates.

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Will the planning grant roll into an operations grant in year 2?

Additional funding depends on the availability of state funds and grantee readiness. Planning grantees must complete all planning grant deliverables and demonstrate readiness for the next grant phase. See the SBHC grant renewal criteria section of the [SBHC Grant Requirements](#) for more detailed information.

Typically, the grant phases are:

1. Planning grant (gathering information and creating a plan for an SBHC)
2. Start-up grant (implementing the SBHC plan and starting SBHC services)
3. Operations grant (continuing, improving, or expanding SBHC services)

Since we already have the operations grant from an earlier iteration of this RFA, are we eligible to apply for this additional funding?

Current SBHC grantee sites are not eligible for additional funds, but your organization could apply for an SBHC site that is not currently funded by the DOH SBHC grant program (i.e., different SBHC/school but same SBHC sponsor/project lead).

If our SBHC is starting up, can we apply for operations grant funding?

We only have funding available for planning and operations grants for this RFA. SBHCs that are awarded an operations grant must be operational (providing regular services) during the grant period.

Can the grant funds be used to pay for staffing?

Yes, staffing is an allowable cost for both planning and operations grants. Please see Table 1 of the RFA for a list of allowable costs.

If there is a school that is prepared to start-up an SBHC, can an application for a start-up grant be submitted without having to go through the planning phase?

We do not have funding available for start-up grants for this grant cycle (September 2024 through June 2025). This RFA is only for planning and operations grants.

Do mobile clinics qualify as an SBHC for the purpose of these grants?

Mobile clinics could qualify as an SBHC, as long as they meet the grant requirements (Table 2 of the RFA, or Table 1 of the [SBHC Grant Requirements](#)).

Does the SBHC have to provide both medical and dental treatment, or is dental only sufficient?

The SBHC must provide comprehensive medical and behavioral health services. We do not require dental services, but SBHCs can choose to provide it. See the Table 2 of the RFA (or Table 1 of the [SBHC Grant Requirements](#)) for more information on the required services.

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