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Implementation of RCW 43.70.825: Expanding School-Based Health Centers



Awards

The Department of Health made 17 grant awards in Washington State.



Funding

Over \$2 million was awarded to support to school-based health centers across the state.



Support

Awards will support new and existing SBHCs and include technical assistance, support, and resources for SBHCs.

RCW 43.70.825 directs the Department of Health to establish a school-based health center program to:

- Expand and sustain the availability of SBHCs for K-12 students in public schools throughout the state.
- Prioritize funding for and activities in communities that are historically underserved.

A school-based health center (SBHC) is:

- A student-focused health center located in or adjacent to a school.
- Provides integrated medical, behavioral health, and other health care services like dental care.
- A collaboration between the community, the school, and a sponsoring healthcare agency that operates the SBHC.

Who received an award?

SBHC Grant recipients for July 2022-June 2023:

Planning Grants (\$50,000)

- Bellingham School District
- Grays Harbor County Public Health at North Beach School District
- Mount Baker School District
- Sea Mar Community Health Centers at Tacoma Public Schools
- Tubman Center for Health and Freedom at Rainier Valley Leadership Academy
- White Salmon Valley School District

Start-Up Grants (\$250,000)

- Community Health Association of Spokane at Mead School District
- Family Health Centers at Omak and Pateros School Districts

Operations/Expansion Grants (\$150,000)

- HealthPoint at Federal Way Public Schools
- Jefferson County Public Health at Quilcene, Chimacum, and Port Townsend School Districts
- Peninsula Community Health Services at North Mason School District
- The Health Center at Walla Walla Public Schools

Behavioral Health Improvement Grants (\$90,000)

- Odessa Brown at Lowell High School
- Peninsula Community Health Services - sites TBD
- The Health Center at Walla Walla Public Schools
- Country Doctor Community Health Clinic at Nova High School and Meany Middle School
- Columbia Basin Health Association for Othello High School

How were awards decided?

Grant awards were made based on:

- Overall application scores determined by an application review committee who understands the healthcare needs of young people
- Location of proposed project in Washington
- Applicants' commitment to serving students from communities and groups that are historically underserved and who are furthest from educational justice

How can I learn more?

- To learn more about DOH SBHC grants, go to: [School-Based Health Center Program | WaPortal.org](https://www.wa.gov/education/school-based-health-center-program)
- To learn more about school-based health centers, visit the Washington School-Based Health Alliance at: [wasbha.org](https://www.wasbha.org)
- To read the new law, go to: [RCW 43.70.825: School-based health center program office. \(wa.gov\)](https://leg.wa.gov/bills/2022/RCW_43.70.825_School-based_health_center_program_office)
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