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](School-Based%20Health%20Center%20Program%20%7C%20WaPortal.org)
- To learn more about school-based health centers, visit the Washington School-Based Health Alliance at: [wasbha.org](wasbha.org)
- To read the new law, go to: [RCW 43.70.825: School-based health center program office. (wa.gov)](RCW%2043.70.825%3A%20School-based%20health%20center%20program%20office.)(wa.gov)
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