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Implementation of RCW 43.70.825: Expanding School-Based Health Centers



Awards

The Department of Health will award grants for SBHCs in 2022.



Funding

\$1.3 million per year to support school-based health centers across the state.



Support

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

The Washington State Legislature passed Substitute House Bill 1225 in 2021. The new law (RCW 43.70.825) directs the Department of Health to establish a school-based health center (SBHC) to expand and sustain the availability of SBHCs to K-12 students in public schools, with a focus on historically underserved populations.

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

How much will grants be for?

- ⇒ SBH 1225 ([codified as RCW 43.70.825](#)) was funded for \$516,000 for the first year, and \$1,873,000 starting the second year—this includes \$1,350,000 in grant funding that will be disbursed through a competitive grant process.
- ⇒ The Department will work with key partners, including the Washington School Based Health Alliance, to define the grant funding criteria over the next few months.

When will grants be available?

- ⇒ The first year of the implementation process is focused on developing funding criteria, grant application processes, and selecting awardees.
- ⇒ Requests for proposals will be released sometime in early 2022, with the goal of reviewing and selecting grant awardees by May 2022, with a tentative scheduled start date of July 1, 2022.

Who can apply?

- ⇒ More information on who can apply for grants will be available soon.
- ⇒ Grants will be awarded through a competitive bidding process.
- ⇒ Communities historically underserved and/or marginalized are encouraged to apply.

How can I learn more?

- ⇒ To learn more about school-based health centers, visit the Washington School-Based Health Alliance at wasbha.org or our webpage at [Teen Links and Resources :: Washington State Department of Health](#)
- ⇒ To read the new law, go to: [RCW 43.70.825: School-based health center program office. \(wa.gov\)](#)

How can I be notified?

To receive email notifications about implementation of this bill and when requests for proposals are released, email us at:

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