

## 2022 New Mexico SBHC Planning Grants Frequently Asked Questions

*Questions submitted on or before 3/28/2022*

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- 1. Do you expect the budgets to include costs for service provision or just staff time and other expenses related to planning activities?**

Budgets should not include costs for service provision unless those activities are part of your community, school, and youth engagement plans. The bulk of the funding should be utilized for planning and facilitating expansion of SBHCs and SBHC services. We will require that planning phases be completed and funded prior to additional activities or tools, such as direct service provision or equipment purchase. Examples of service provision activities that would be allowed with this funding are: one time shot clinics, outreach activities for staff or students, health assessment activities, etc. However, please let NMASBHC know if you have emerging capital, equipment, or service provision costs; we are currently working with a number of local, state, and federal funders to advocate for all of the above.
- 2. What is the total amount of funding available for all awards that you anticipate providing?**

This project has a budget of \$200,000 for all awardees. Please be intentional about what funding amount you need for your community instead of adjusting your budget to fit the maximum award amount. Awards will range from \$10,000-\$20,000.
- 3. How much data do we need to provide to be eligible for funding, should we already have completed a needs assessment?**

The application does not require specific data to be provided. However, it does ask applicants to describe the climate and culture of your school/community and how it is conducive to the implementation of a SBHC. If you have information about healthcare access, health disparities, school attendance, transportation, socioeconomic status, etc. this would be a good place to include that information.
- 4. Is the application setup to ask the questions related to a feasibility study or would the funding support a feasibility study for our community?**

The purpose of the funding is to stimulate planning and facilitate community collaboration to support intentional expansion of SBHCs in New Mexico. You can propose the support of a feasibility study as part of your planning activities on your application.
- 5. Do we need to have our own needs assessment tool ready to apply for the grant funding or will there be a tool provided to do needs assessments if we are awarded?**

You do not need to have a needs assessment/readiness tool to apply for this grant. If awarded, NMASBHC will work with each individual awardee to determine if they have a tool already in place that they can utilize or if they need/would like to utilize the tool NMASBHC will provide.
- 6. Can you provide any additional details on what is expected to be included in the youth engagement plan?**

Please provide a projected plan of how you anticipate including youth in the year-long planning process. This could be hosting youth focus groups and providing incentives at these groups, utilizing an already existing youth advisory committee, setting up a SBHC youth advisory committee, administering youth feedback surveys, etc. Feel free to be creative and focus on what would work best in your community.
- 7. Does the size of the school or community matter in the selection process? Does a school have to be a certain size to apply?**

Population size is not a factor in the selection process, but it may be a factor in the total amount awarded. Rural, suburban, and urban communities across the state are eligible regardless of population size. Funding depends on proposed activities, not population size. Some small schools without any SBHC services may need more funding than a larger school that is proposing to expand services or vice versa.
- 8. Can our organization apply for multiple schools? If so, should we use one application or multiple?**

Yes, your organization can apply for multiple schools/communities. Two separate applications should be used if you think you'll need two separate staff persons to work on the separate projects, if the communities are geographically far apart, very different in their needs/readiness, or if you anticipate the budget of each site going beyond the \$20,000 max. If you think you could have one person work more hours with both

communities, you could do one application and propose that combined work. This is flexible and should reflect what works best for your organization and the communities you are proposing to include. If you do a combined application, you will need to provide two letters of partnership for the two different districts or medical entities.

**9. Can we apply for this grant to plan for expanding services at an already existing SBHC?**

The planning grant can be used to investigate adding hours or services at an existing SBHC but cannot be used for adjusting times/days/services of the already existing hours and services.

**10. How far away do we have to be from establishing a SBHC to apply for this grant?**

The planning grant is for communities at all levels of readiness and the purpose is to allow schools/communities to explore what their best options are regarding meeting the health (physical and mental) needs of their, population and increase readiness to apply for further funding to establish and operate a SBHC. If at the end of this process, you find that a SBHC isn't your best option but that an additional school social worker or school nurse is needed, that is an acceptable outcome.

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*Questions submitted after 3/28/2022*