



**DOH54094 SFY24-25 BCFH Planning and Implementation of New SBHCs
Frequently Asked Questions**

Q. 1 I do not currently operate a School-Based Health Center am I still eligible to apply for these funds?

A.1 Yes. The primary purpose of these funds is to expand the number of health care providers who will partner with schools that have no SBHC currently operating in their District. However, you must currently be operating a health center and serving youth like the population you would be serving in a school-based health center (SBHC).

Q.2 I am an existing SBHC provider with more than one year of experience. Can I apply for these funds?

A.2 Priority funding will be given to successful applicants with no current SBHC experience. However, if there are funds remaining, we will consider those with existing SBHC experience.

Q.3 Why are you limiting the planning phase to 6 months, is there any opportunity to extend the timeline?

A.3 All funds must be spent by the end of the fiscal year which is June 30, 2025. ODH will be providing technical assistance and training to those applicants who receive planning awards. We hope this type of assistance will help to expedite the planning process and prepare applicants to submit solid business plans that lead to successful implementation of SBHCs.

Q.4 Must I use the business plan template provided in the solicitation?

A. 4 Yes. You must use the business plan template that is provided for you.

Q.5 What health services are we required to provide in the SBHC?

A.5 Comprehensive health services must be provided. This includes well child exams not just sports physicals or acute care. We strongly encourage behavioral health services be included as well.

Q.6 Is sub-contracting for health care specialists an approved implementation expense?

A.6 Yes.

Q.7 We do not have a school we currently work with but would like to explore a partnership.

Can we still apply?

A.7 At a minimum you must submit a letter of support from the Superintendent of the school district where you wish to provide services. Please Note: Due to the short timeline, you must have an existing partnership with a school district to be able to facilitate an MOU from the district which will be a required deliverable during the planning process.

Q8. What is the difference between a letter of support from the school district and a letter of agreement or MOU?

A8. An MOU or Memorandum of Understanding is a more formal document that will detail out specific responsibilities of the health care/SBHC provider and the school district. MOUs or formal agreements are typically obtained after the funds have been awarded to the applicant. Letters of support from school districts must be submitted with the applicant's application. Letters of support will indicate that the school district is interested in working with the applicant to be the site of a SBHC.

Q.9 If I am awarded the Implementation Contract can I apply for more than \$250,000.00 for capital improvements?

A.9 No.