

Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinic (CCBHC) expansion grants

HCA-Washington Fact Sheet (FOA SM-22-002)

Purpose

The US Department of Health and Human Services' Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) offered a Federal Grant opportunity aimed at assisting Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinics with the costs associated with starting up 24/7 comprehensive healthcare programs. Per the description on the SAMHSA Grant Application:

The CCBHC Expansion grant program must provide access to services including **24/7 crisis intervention services** for individuals with serious mental illness (SMI) or substance use disorders (SUD), including opioid use disorders; children and adolescents with serious emotional disturbance (SED); and individuals with co-occurring mental and substance disorders (COD). SAMHSA expects that this program will provide **comprehensive 24/7 access** to community-based mental and substance use disorder services; treatment of co-occurring disorders; and physical healthcare in **one single location**. [1]

Eligibility

Agencies are eligible if they are currently a Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinic (CCBHC) or eligible to become a CCBHC within 4 months of an

award, **and** they did not receive a previous grant under the 2020/2021 versions of this FOA. HHS has posted versions of this grant multiple times over the last 4 years.

A CCBHC certification is completed by SAMHSA. To be an eligible entity, agencies must be: "a nonprofit organization; part of a local government behavioral health authority; an entity operated under authority of the IHS, an Indian Tribe, or tribal organization [sic] [working] with the IHS pursuant to the Indian Self-Determination Act; an entity that is an urban Indian organization [sic] [working] with the IHS under Title V of the Indian Health Care Improvement Act." [3] *For more information regarding the criteria and how to seek certification, please look at resource [4].*

Per the description on the SAMHSA Grant Application:

Eligibility is limited to certified community behavioral health clinics or community-based behavioral health clinics who may not yet be certified but meet the certification criteria and can be certified within 4 months of award.

CCBHC Expansion grant recipients that received funding under Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinics (CCBHCs) Expansion FOA (SM-20-012) are not eligible to apply for funding under this FOA. [1]

Award information

The funding mechanism is a grant in the amount of \$276,000,000 with an anticipated 138 awarded entities. The proposed budget cannot exceed \$2,000,000 per year over a 2-year period (maximum award is \$4,000,000).

The funding **MUST** be used in the following areas [5]:

- **To support direct services in:** (1) 24/7 Crisis Services, including 24-hour mobile crisis teams; (2) screening, assessment, and diagnosis, including risk assessment; (3) patient-centered treatment planning or similar processes, including risk assessment and crisis planning; (4) comprehensive outpatient mental health and substance use

treatment services that include the provision of appropriate psychotropic medications; (5) screening for HIV and Viral Hepatitis (A, B, C).

- **To establish cooperative relationships** with judicial officials/court systems and provided Assisted Outpatient Treatment when ordered.
- **Establish an Advisory Work Group** comprising individuals with mental and substance use disorders, and family members, to provide input and guidance to the CCBHC on implementation, services, and policies.
- **Develop and implement plans for sustainability to ensure delivery of services once federal funds end.** Recipients should not anticipate the continued renewal of federal funding to support this effort. Recipients will be asked to report on sustainability plans.

The funding **MAY** be used in the following areas [5]:

- **Up to \$25,000 per year** may be used to purchase Technical Assistance. If recipients do not need these funds for TA, they may use it for other allowable activities under the grant.
- **Develop and implement tobacco and vaping cessation** programs, activities, and/or strategies.
- **Conduct an analysis of barriers and facilitators** to facilitate changes in services and local relationships necessary to become fully certified.
- **Vocational and educational counseling** aimed at assisting individuals receiving treatment to be able to better integrate into their communities and live productive satisfying lives.
- **Partnering with local housing authority** to integrate behavioral health supports into community housing.

Agencies in Washington State who were awarded grants under FOA SM-21-083

Grantee Organization: PENINSULA BEHAVIORAL HEALTH

Grantee City: Port Angeles
Award Amount: \$2,000,000

Grantee Organization: COMPREHENSIVE HEALTHCARE

Grantee City: Yakima
Award Amount: \$1,992,042

Grantee Organization: CASCADE COMMUNITY HEALTHCARE

Grantee City: Centralia
Award Amount: \$1,999,140

Agencies in Washington State who were awarded grants under FOA SM-20-012

Grantee Organization: COMMUNITY HEALTH ASSOCIATION OF SPOKANE

Grantee City: Spokane
Award Amount: \$4,000,000.00

Grantee Organization: LAKE WHATCOM RESID TREATMENT

Grantee City: Bellingham
Award Amount: \$1,819,852.00

Grantee Organization: COLUMBIA RIVER MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES

Grantee City: Vancouver
Award Amount: \$3,999,036.00

Grantee Organization: OKANOGAN BEHAVIORAL HEALTHCARE, INC.

Grantee City: Omak
Award Amount: \$733,041.00

Grantee Organization: LIFELINE CONNECTIONS

Grantee City: Vancouver
Award Amount: \$3,998,935.00

Grantee Organization: COLUMBIA WELLNESS

Grantee City: Longview
Award Amount: \$2,363,748.00



Authorizing legislation

This legislation was authorized under H.R. 4302 (2013-2014) as part of the Protecting Access to Medicare Act (PAMA) (PL 113-93). This legislation allows individual providers to apply for CCBHC grants, as noted above, or for states to apply for grants under Section 223 and then distribute the grant funding themselves. Washington State has not elected to be a CCBHC grantee at this time.

Resources

1. SAMHSA Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinic Expansion Grants (2021)
<https://www.samhsa.gov/grants/grant-announcements/sm-21-013>
2. Article: What is a CCBHC? (2017)
[https://www.thenationalcouncil.org/wp-](https://www.thenationalcouncil.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/11/What-is-a-CCBHC-11.7.17.pdf?daf=375ateTbd56)

3. SAMHSA CCBHC Eligibility (2020)
<https://www.samhsa.gov/section-223/certification-resource-guides/ccbhc-eligibility>
4. SAMHSA Certification Guide and Resources to become a CCBHC (2020)
<https://www.samhsa.gov/section-223/certification-resource-guides>
5. SAMHSA CCBHC Application Resources:
<https://www.samhsa.gov/sites/default/files/grants/pdf/fy-2021-ccbhc-foa.pdf>

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