

## **FY20 Mental Health Services Tier I and Tier II Districts**

### **Frequently Asked Questions**

1. How much money can a district get?

It is anticipated that four grants will be funded. Grant awards will be for \$250,000 each and will total \$1,000,000.

2. What can we spend the money on?

Providing students with greater access to mental health services while meeting program objectives.

3. Can this be used to offset costs for our social worker, counselors, etc.?

If program objectives are being met, grant funds can be used in a variety of ways to provide students with greater access to mental health services.

4. Do we need to start a new program with this?

This grant can be used as an expansion of existing services or the development of new services.

5. Are only Tier I districts being awarded?

Eligible applicants are Tier 1 and Tier 2 school districts pursuant to Section 18-8.15 of the School Code, that fall within the locale codes 33, 41, 42, and 43 of the New Urban-Centric Locale Codes, as defined by the National Center for Educational Statistics.

6. How do I go about granting access to our community partner who will write the grant in collaboration with the district?

This application will be available in the IWAS system found on ISBE's website. A new account can be set up by selecting sign up now and following the steps found. If assistance is needed with this, a help button can be found on the sign-up page.

7. Is the grant period one year?

The grant period will begin no sooner than February 3, 2020 and will extend from the execution date of the grant until June 30, 2020. Funding in the subsequent years will be contingent upon compliance with federal and state law, state grant-making rules, passage of sufficient appropriations for the program, and satisfactory performance in the preceding grant period. No promise or undertaking made in this Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO)/Request for Proposals (RFP) is an assurance that a grant agreement will be renewed, nor does this NFPF/RFP create any right to or expectation of renewal.

8. Is this a new grant or one that has been previously available?

The Mental Health Services Tier I and Tier II Districts is a new grant available for the first time this year.

9. How many grants will be awarded?

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