

Delaware



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Opportunity Funding for Mental Health Services

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Funding Period: Fiscal Year 2021

Delaware Department of Education

Opportunity Funding Form
2020-2021 School Year

Opportunity Funding
Directed funds for mental health services for students identified as low-
income or English Learners

Application deadline: Friday, July 31, 2020

Purpose: The Opportunity Funding directed to mental health services provides \$5.0 million in FY20, \$2.5 million in HB 225 (Annual Appropriations Act) and \$2.5 million authorized in HB 226 (One-Time Supplemental). With a total supplemental amount of \$7.5 million over three years, the total amount will be \$15 million contingent on future appropriations. The Opportunity Fund is to provide additional funding for English Learner (EL) and low-income students.

For FY21, \$2.5 million is appropriated through HB 240 (Annual Appropriations Act). The guiding language regarding these funds and eligibility was amended through HB260 (Grants- In-Aid Act). The \$2.5 million allocated is supplemented with the \$2.5 million from HB 226 as referenced above. A total of \$5 million is appropriated for FY21.

These funds continue to be apportioned to schools which qualify for a Reading Interventionist under the Student Success Block Grant.

This funding shall be used by school districts and charter schools for mental health services in the form of school counselors, school social workers or licensed clinical social workers, school psychologists, and/or for additional reading supports for grades K-5. Services may include the employment of staff, where such funding may be used to cover 100 percent of personnel costs on a 10 to 12-month basis and/or contracted services.

Allocation Method: Amounts vary per school and that amount is indicated below. Each LEA has already received the first half of the funding; the second amount will be released upon receipt and approval of this application.

DISTRICT/CHARTER NAME: Christina School District - The Bancroft School
ADDRESS 700 N. Lombard St., Wilmington, DE 19801
CONTACT NAME Krystal R. Greenfield
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CONTACT EMAIL: Krystal.Greenfield@christina.k12.de.us

ALLOCATION AMOUNT \$103,479

Questions:

1. What mental health needs of your identified low-income and English learner students will you be addressing through these mental health services funds? (Please indicate N/A if these funds are solely being used for reading supports for the two subgroups— EL and low-income)

Through our Opportunity Grant we will be addressing the social and emotional needs of our students. As a school system we understand the importance, now more than ever, of providing social and emotional support to our low income and English Language Learners. Based on Christina's results from the Delaware school Reopening Survey, 32% of our families indicated a need for additional support and/or information regarding mental and emotional health. Additionally, 40% of parents stated that their child felt lonely at least sometimes, frequently, and/or almost always. Parents also identified their children feeling stressed out (40%) or frustrated (45%) at least sometimes, frequently, and/or almost always. During the pandemic, our low income and EL students have not been able to access school supports. The result is a large population of low income and EL students dealing with trauma. Our schools are prioritizing connection before content to ensure students feel physically and emotionally safe in their transition back to in person instruction. Our objective is to provide a system of support for our EL and low income students to include skill building, specifically skills of resilience, conflict resolution, agency, self-awareness and self-regulation our plan is to provide explicit instruction to EL and low income students with a research proven social and emotional learning program, group and individual counseling, training in mindfulness, and Restorative Practices to build an supportive and connected school culture.

2. What kind of mental health services personnel are you hiring or contracting (school counselor, school social worker, licensed clinical social worker or school psychologist)?

Opportunity Grant funding will be utilized for a School Counselor(s) and Behavior Interventionist to provide school programming and social and emotional support for EL and low income students.

3. Are you using these funds for reading supports for your identified low income and English learner students in addition to mental health services or in lieu of mental health services? If so, what types of supports/services will be provided?

The Opportunity Grant funding will be utilized solely to address the social and emotional needs of our low income and EL students

4. How will you know if these services or supports are effective?

We will provide a multi-tiered approach to the effectiveness of our Opportunity Grant interventions. From a behavioral intervention standpoint, school climate data will be analyzed monthly to determine if the additional social and emotional supports are having a positive impact on our overall school climate. Secondly, anecdotal data will be collected to ensure that our low income and EL students are being provided the necessary mental health supports and wraparound services. Finally, quarterly school climate data, as well as, the Delaware School Climate Survey will be utilized to provide evidence of effectiveness.

5. Is this money being used to contract services?

YES NO

6. Please complete the State Funds Budget Form and State Budget Summary Form (attached) .Assurances and signatures:

As the chief school officer of the district or school, including the indicated school, I am authorized to submit for the funds identified in this form. I am also authorized to obligate the district or charter school to conduct any activity approved under this form in accordance with all applicable state requirements, including statutory and regulatory requirements, and program specific requirements. The information contained in it is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief. By submitting this form, I acknowledge that I understand and agree to abide by all applicable requirements. I further agree that


1. I understand that this funding may not be used to supplant otherwise available funding.
2. I understand that our district shall be authorized to assess a local match to provide for the local contribution of personnel costs associated with this appropriation (districts only).

Signature:

Chief School Officer (printed name): Don SLK
[Signature] Date: 7/30/20

As the business manager of the district or school, including the indicated school, I am authorized to submit for the funds identified in this form. I have read this form and reviewed the financial information contained in this form. The information contained in this form is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief. I have reviewed and approve the submission of the budgetary information for this form. By submitting this form, I acknowledge that I understand and agree to abide by all applicable requirements. I further agree that

1. I understand that this funding may not be used to supplant otherwise available funding
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Business manager (printed name): Charles Long fellow
Signature:  Date: 7/30/2020

By signing this form, I am approving the plan submitted by the district or charter.
Secretary of Education/Designee (printed name):

Signature: _____ Date: _____

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Insert Allocation Below

The Bancroft School

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103,479.00

2020-2021 Budget

Resource	Focus	# Hours/day	# Days/week	Hourly Rate	Cost Per Week	Cost per Year (36 weeks)	Comments
Counselor Interventionist	Behavioral/Mental Health	6.32	5	\$47.00	\$1,485.20	\$53,520.00	Contracted services
Behavioral Interventionist	Behavioral/Mental Health	7	5	\$39.65	\$1,387.75	\$49,959.00	Contracted services
						TOTAL	\$103,479.00
						ALLOCATION	\$ 103,479.00
						BALANCE	\$0.00