

HB 2036 – OSUMA Behavioral Health Workforce Development Fund
RFP outline

Overview: Oklahoma State University Medical Authority (OSUMA) has established a one-time grant program to launch or support initiatives that recruit or train behavioral health clinicians and other behavioral health staff working in the City of Tulsa. OSUMA seeks applications from higher education institutions, CareerTech, and mental health treatment provider organizations that seek to establish or expand recruitment or training efforts.

Total funding: \$1,000,000

Maximum award: \$500,000 (one-time)

Number of awards: Unrestricted until funding exhausted

Timeline:

- Expected RFP solicitation: Oct. 1, 2023
- Deadline to respond: Nov. 15, 2023
- Awards issued: By Jan. 1, 2024
- Fund expenditure deadline: Jan. 1, 2025
- First reporting deadline: Jan. 1, 2025
- Final reporting deadline: Jan. 1, 2026

Eligible entities:

- Certified behavioral health treatment providers with a physical presence in the City of Tulsa or its contiguous municipalities and contracted to provide services to Medicaid patients
- Healthcare systems implementing behavioral health integration programs utilizing certified behavioral health treatment providers with a physical presence in the City of Tulsa or its contiguous municipalities and contracted to provide services to Medicaid patients
- Accredited universities with a physical presence in the City of Tulsa
- Accredited community colleges with a physical presence in the City of Tulsa
- Accredited CareerTech institutions with a physical presence in the City of Tulsa

Fundable activities:

- Financial incentives or programs to recruit behavioral health treatment personnel from outside of the State of Oklahoma, such as relocation, starting bonuses, tuition assistance, and loan repayment agreements
- Financial incentives or programs to recruit and train behavioral health treatment personnel not currently working in the behavioral health profession, upskilling those currently working in the behavioral health profession, or adding behavioral health personnel to implement integrated behavioral health programs
- Any programs resulting in new or higher levels of certification or licensure for existing behavioral health treatment personnel

Parameters:

Applicants must demonstrate that the grant award will result in (1) an increase in behavioral health services provided to residents of Tulsa and (2) long-term retention of additional behavioral health personnel in Tulsa. Programs can involve any licensed or credentialed behavioral health clinicians, and/or paraprofessionals providing direct client services as part of a treatment program overseen by licensed or credentialed clinicians. Programs must specifically demonstrate how personnel will be retained in Tulsa for a meaningful period of time following any incentive or training. Although not required, partnerships between mental health treatment providers and education or training entities will be given preference. Programs that can demonstrate long-term sustainability and/or that have a matching investment will also be given preference. Applicants must establish program metrics and commit to providing OSUMA with an initial data report within 12 months of award and a final data report within 24 months of award.

Proposal Submission:

Proposals shall be submitted by 5:00 pm on November 15, 2023 by mail or electronically.

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