



The Ohio School Based
Health Care Association

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Guidance for SBHC Capital Funding Released by HHS

The Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) has just published regulations for the "Affordable Care Act (ACA) School Health Centers Capital Program." The goal of the program is to award funds made available by the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act that will support SBHCs' efforts to expand capacity to provide primary healthcare services to school-aged children by awarding equipment funds.

HRSA expects to award approximately \$50 million for an estimated 1,000 SBHC equipment grants in FY 2010. The deadline is July 30th.

NASBHC recommends that you:

-Read through the application guidance, available here: <http://bit.ly/sbhcequipmentfunds>

-Immediately register for a Data Universal Numbering System (DUNS) number on www.hrsa.gov/grants/dunsccr.htm or by calling 866-705-5711 if you have never before applied for a federal grant. **An application will not be reviewed without a DUNS number.**

-Apply for equipment funding by July 30!

If you have questions regarding this funding, please contact [Carrie Baker](#) and [Heidi Welch](#). As we continue to gather information, presumably after the call on Wednesday, July 7th, we will stand ready to assist Ohio SBHCs in applying for these funds.



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Technical Assistance for Facilities, Planning, Partnerships Available Through OSBHCA

Advocating for school based health care, community services in schools, partnerships, and the health and academic success connection is the more visible plank of our work at the Ohio School Based Health Care Association (OSBHCA). The importance of advocacy cannot be overestimated. Yet the OSBHCA leadership and staff also understand that we to supply the field with the ability to successfully implement hard-fought victories for school based/linked health care at the district and building level through great technical assistance and credible trainers to offer guidance.

Advocacy victories such as health care reform have changed the technical assistance landscape in Ohio for school based/linked health care, and those looking to create models of school based and linked health care. As current school based health centers, current mobile unit delivery systems and emerging school based health teams prepare to apply for eventual construction, capital, equipment and (hopefully) planning money available in stages over the next 6-9 months, the Ohio School Based Health Care Association and its leadership stands ready to assist our field.

Other exciting statewide TA is occurring. OSBHCA is supporting the infusion of health into the Ohio iCARE Team model so successfully assisting schools in Stark County. Thanks to new OSBHCA Board member Krista Allison for assisting OSBHCA Executive Director Carrie Baker with this important three-part series of conference calls with these iCARE team leaders. In addition, at the recent Coordinated School Health conference in late June 2010, Carrie was able to present to school health teams a two-part presentation entitled, "[Utilizing Data and Social Marketing Best Practices for School Based/Linked Health Advocacy](#)." Thanks to the Buckeye Healthy Schools Alliance for the wonderful opportunity to reach this important CSH audience.

This TA is focused on relevant federal and state information also pertinent to current requests for proposal currently available such as for Promise Neighborhoods and Full Service Community Schools. OSBHCA's ongoing goal for technical assistance at the local level is to help current and emerging school based health teams leverage funds, increase community involvement and partnerships in and around Ohio schools and ultimately impact health, development and academic success in our state.

Many hopeful grantee teams have contacted us about partnering to provide this TA should the grant(s) be awarded. Ohio is lucky to have trainers trained (as noted in the May e-newsletter) from the National Assembly on School Based Health Care's technical assistance and training program to help current and emerging teams plan for a new center or mobile unit, build a business plan, utilize data and gather data through community needs assessments, work to always improve productivity, partnerships, family engagement, and learn how to market their importance in the school and for the children and families of every community.

If you are interested in learning more about the technical assistance OSBHCA can offer, contact Carrie Baker at 614-222-8502 or carrie@bakernonprofits.com or visit our web site at www.osbhca.org.