



**TO:** Chief Executive Officers  
Chief Business Officers  
Chief Instructional Officers  
Chief Student Services Officers  
Academic Senate Presidents

**FROM:** Rhonda Mohr  
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**RE:** Request for Applications (RFA): California Community Colleges Mental Health Services Grant Program

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## **BACKGROUND**

The California state budget for 2019-20 and, in addition to many other appropriations, authorizes funds to support the California Community Colleges Mental Health Services Program. The budget language specifies that the funds be provided as grants designed to support collaboration between community college districts and county behavioral health departments, with the goal of improving student access to mental health services, and early identification and intervention programs. The 2019-20 California State Budget appropriated one-time funding in the amount of \$7 million, to be distributed by the California Community Colleges Chancellor's office after a competitive grant process.

## **CALIFORNIA COMMUNITY COLLEGES MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES GRANT PROGRAM**

The competitive grant process involves a Request for Applications (RFA) in which to solicit project applications from interested community college districts to administer the California Community Colleges Mental Health Services Program. These one-time grant funds will be distributed as follows:

- Multi-college districts submitting an application on behalf of more than one college are eligible to apply for up to \$500,000. Up to seven awards will be made at this level;
- Single-college districts and multi-college districts submitting an application on behalf of a single college are eligible to apply for up to \$400,000. Up to seven awards will be made at this level; and
- Of the total funds available, up to \$1,800,000 will be designated for applicants from districts without established health/mental health services currently available to students (e.g., emerging program designation). Up to four awards, in amounts not to exceed \$450,000, will be distributed to districts with this designation.

Additional information regarding specific objectives of the program are included in the Request for Applications (RFA).

### **APPLICATION PROCESS & DEADLINES**

The application process to respond to this RFA is a two-step process. The first step is to submit a Letter of Intent to Apply, which informs the Chancellor's Office of your intention to submit an application. The second step is to submit the full application in response to the requirements as outlined in the RFA.

#### **Step One: Letter of Intent to Apply**

The Letter of Intent to Apply must be submitted by email to [EdServices@cccco.edu](mailto:EdServices@cccco.edu) by 5:00 p.m. PST on Friday, October 4, 2019. **Applicants that fail to submit a Letter of Intent to Apply by the deadline will not be considered for funding.**

#### **Step Two: Application Submission**

An electronic PDF of the application must be submitted by email to [EdServices@cccco.edu](mailto:EdServices@cccco.edu) by 5:00 p.m. PST by Friday, October 18, 2019.

### **APPLICATION TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE WEBINAR**

To assist colleges with technical questions about this Request for Application, the Chancellor's Office will be conducting a Zoom meeting on October 2, 2019 from 1:00 – 2:00 PM. The Zoom meeting information is as follows:

Join from PC, Mac, Linux, iOS or Android: <https://cccconfer.zoom.us/j/773427849>

Or iPhone one-tap (US Toll): +16699006833, 773427849# or +16468769923, 773427849#

Or Telephone:

Dial:

+1 669 900 6833 (US Toll)

+1 646 876 9923 (US Toll)

Meeting ID: 773 427 849

International numbers available: <https://zoom.us/u/acVbLkDiO6>

Or Skype for Business (Lync):

SIP:773427849@lync.zoom.us