

School-Based Mental Health Services Grant Request For Applications Webinar

*Bridging the Gap in Appalachia Ohio: An Initiative to Train,
Recruit, and Retain School Psychologists*

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Webinar Logistics

- Use the Q&A feature to ask questions during the webinar.
- The State of Ohio and Ohio Department of Education and Workforce policies prohibits the use of external AI tools during meetings.
- The slide deck will be emailed after the webinar.

Agenda

- Grant objective and eligible applicants
- Application process
- Grant activities
- Questions?

Federal Funded Grant Objective

Implement **recruitment** and **retention** strategies for school psychologists in the Appalachian region's high need LEAs to:

- Provide intensive mental health services and supports to individual students most in need of those services,
- Provide early intervention mental health services to address acute concerns and determine if intensive mental health services are needed, and;
- Build necessary capacity and local support to ensure the provision of intensive mental health services beyond the life of the grant.







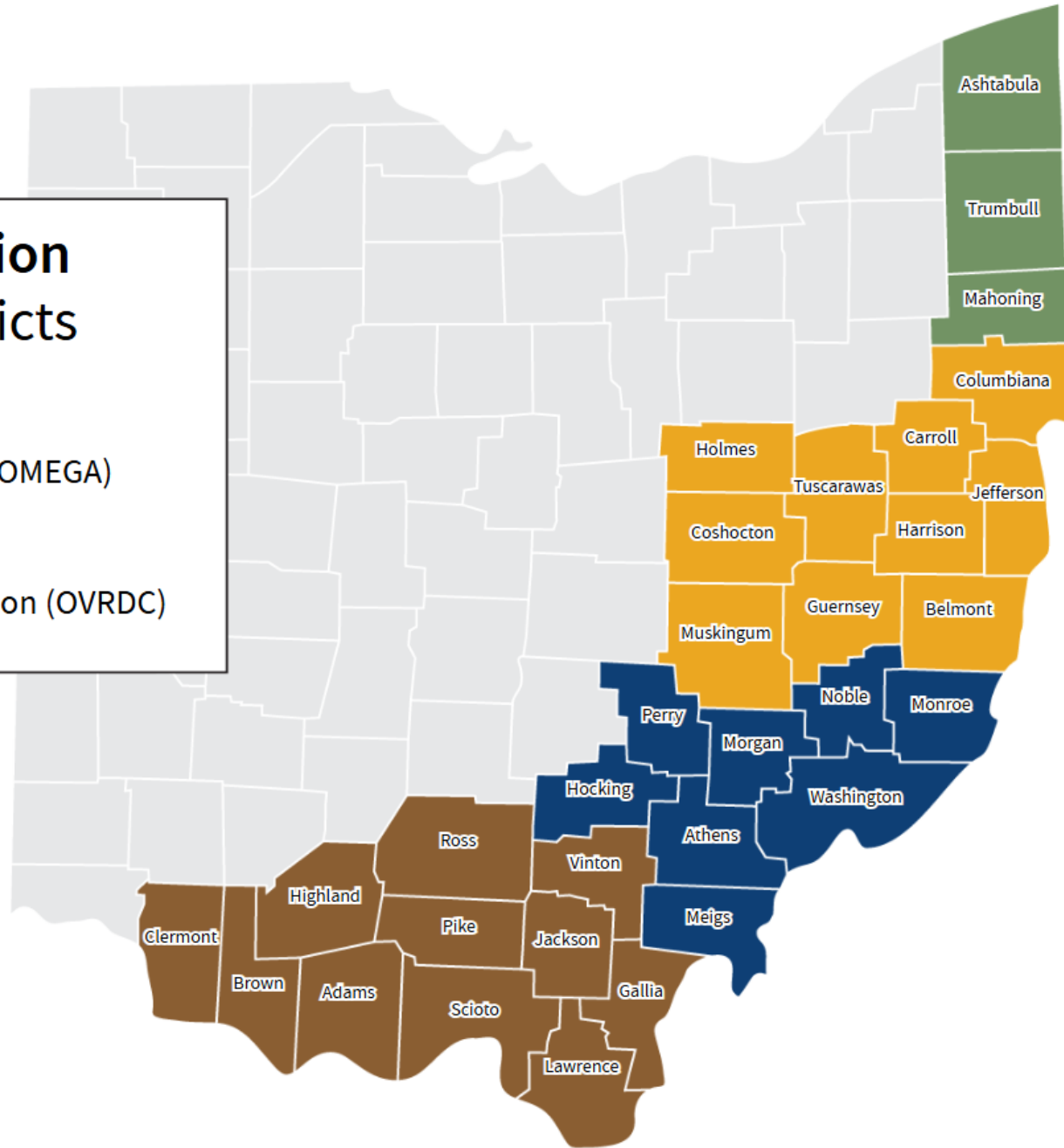
Eligible Applicants

- One award
- **\$6,272,000** (April 2026-Dec. 2029)
- Ohio's Educational Service Centers (ESCs), as defined in [Ohio law](#), are considered a local education agency for this federal grant funding.
- ESCs located within the project region **and** not currently receiving federal school-based mental health grant funding may submit applications.



Ohio's Appalachian Region Local Development Districts

-  Eastgate Regional Council of Governments
-  Ohio Mid-Eastern Governments Association (OMEGA)
-  Buckeye Hills Regional Council
-  Ohio Valley Regional Development Commission (OVRDC)



Identified High-Need Districts (59)

- Adams County Ohio Valley Local
- Ashtabula Area City
- Barnesville Exempted Village
- Bloomfield-Mespo Local
- Bloom-Vernon Local
- Bright Local
- Brookfield Local
- Buckeye Local (Ashtabula County)
- Buckeye Local (Jefferson County)
- Chillicothe City
- Clay Local
- Conneaut Area City
- Coshocton City
- Dawson-Bryant Local
- Eastern Local School District
- Felicity-Franklin Local
- Frontier Local
- Gallia County Local
- Gallipolis City
- Georgetown Exempted Village
- Goshen Local
- Green Local
- Greenfield Exempted Village
- Hillsboro City
- Huntington Local
- Jackson City
- Joseph Badger Local
- Lisbon Exempted Village
- Lordstown Local
- Maplewood Local
- Meigs Local
- Minford Local
- New Boston Local
- New Lexington School District
- Northern Local
- Northwest Local
- Oak Hill Union Local
- Paint Valley Local
- Portsmouth City
- Pymatuning Valley Local
- Ridgewood Local
- Ripley-Union-Lewis-Huntington Local
- Rock Hill Local
- Scioto Valley Local
- Sebring Local
- Southeastern Local
- Southern Local (Columbiana County)
- Southern Local (Perry County)
- Southern Local (Meigs County)
- Symmes Valley Local
- Union-Scioto Local
- Warren Local
- Washington-Nile Local
- Waverly City
- Wellston City
- Wellsville Local
- Western Brown Local
- Western Local
- Zane Trace Local



Application Process- Technical Review

The technical review will ensure:

- The applicant is an ESC
- The applicant submitted a full proposal through the Department's [ED STEPS One Funding Application \(OFA\)](#)
- The applicant has clearly identified the 9 sections in the rubric plus assurances in Appendix B

One Funding Application

- Replaced Comprehensive Continuous Improvement Process (CCIP)
- Award reimbursement system
- ED STEPS Tile of OH|ID account
- Approved roles to access application
- [One Funding Application](#)

Application Timeline

Application Deadline

March 27 (by **4:00 p.m.**)

Application Review Begins

March 30

Notification of Awarded Applications

By April 10



Application Process-Rubric

Item	Possible Points
Cover Letter	0-5
Project Narrative: Recruitment Plan	0-15
Project Narrative: Retention Plan	0-15
Project Narrative: Partnerships and Sustainability Plan	0-10
Project Metrics	0-10
Project Schedule	0-15
Budget: Narrative	0-15
Budget: Grid	0-5
Personnel	0-10
Total Possible	100



Activities- Recruitment Plan

- Funds to support recruitment activities
- Hiring Bonuses
- Hiring Offsets
- Tuition Reimbursement

Activities-Respecialization

- Six professionals to credentialed school psychologists through tuition reimbursement (\$66,000/per person)
 - Years 2-4
 - Educators, counselors, social workers, related fields
 - Work with universities to create pathways

Activities-Retainment Plan

- Retention Bonuses
- Reimbursement for Professional Development
 - National Association School Psychologist Convening
 - Local trainings or conferences
 - Professional membership
 - Test preparation
- Community of Practice

Partnerships and Sustainability Plan

- Agreements or Memoranda of Understanding
- Educational Service Centers
- Organizations
 - Ohio School Psychologist Association
 - Inter-University Council for Ohio School Psychology
 - 9 universities
 - Ohio Dean's Compact
 - Governor's Office of Appalachia

Project Metrics

- Programmatic
- Outcomes
- Fiscal Spending
- Interim and Annual reports to USDOE
- 3 years after project completion

Schedule

- Key project tasks and activities
- Estimated timeline
- Responsible parties
- Fiscal reporting dates
- Funds must be encumbered by Sept. 30, 2029
- Funds must be expended by Dec. 30, 2029

Subrecipient Budget

Activity	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Total
Grant Coordinator	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	200,000
Intern Stipend (\$22k/intern)	0	0	352,000	440,000	792,000
Recruitment Activities	15,000	10,000	10,000	5,000	40,000
Retention Activities	35,000	45,000	60,000	60,000	200,000
Respecialization	0	132,000	132,000	132,000	396,000
Hiring bonus (\$2000/pp)	44,000	50,000	32,000	30,000	156,000
LEA Offset (\$55,000/pp)	1,210,000	1,375,000	880,000	825,000	4,290,000
Retention bonus (\$1500/pp)	0	33,000	70,500	94,500	198,000
Total per year	1,354,000	1,695,000	1,586,500	1,636,500	6,272,000



Personnel

- Identified team
- Administrative costs
 - cannot exceed, grant includes maximum administrative costs allowed
- One full-time equivalent staff

Questions?

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