

NORTH DAKOTA
PEDIATRIC MENTAL HEALTH CARE ACCESS (PMHCA)
SERVICE GRANT

2026

NOTICE OF FUNDING OPPORTUNITY

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PMHCA GRANT OVERVIEW

BACKGROUND

In September 2023, the North Dakota Department of Health and Human Services, Behavioral Health Division (STATE) was awarded a three-year Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) PMHCA sustainability grant to improve access to quality mental health care for children and adolescents by supporting pediatric primary care providers.

The PMHCA grant is designed to promote behavioral health integration into pediatric primary care by using telehealth modalities to provide high quality and timely detection, assessment, treatment and referral for children and adolescents with behavioral health conditions, using evidence-based practices and methods.

The STATE's two key goals for the PMHCA grant are:

1. Increase the capacity of primary care providers to screen, diagnose and treat children, and
2. Develop and create capacity for telehealth programs in community-based settings by expanding partnerships within emergency departments and schools.

GOAL OF THE PMHCA SERVICE GRANT

This North Dakota PMHCA Service Grant opportunity aligns with the broader goal of empowering regional and local innovation to address gaps in behavioral health services for children, adolescents, and young adults. By enhancing the capacity of pediatric primary care providers to identify, diagnose, treat, and refer youth with behavioral health conditions, ND PMHCA ensures that children and their families receive timely, coordinated, and evidence-based care.

This funding opportunity strengthens North Dakota's PMHCA framework by expanding telehealth behavioral-health integration, provider peer consultation, care coordination support, and workforce training to improve access, early identification, and care for children and youth with behavioral health needs.

The PMHCA Service Grant will support integrated approaches to strengthen behavioral health care for youth by:

- Enhancing collaboration between primary care providers, behavioral health professionals, and schools.
- Expanding access to training, consultation, and evidence-based tools for pediatric behavioral health.
- Promoting early identification and intervention for children and families.
- Reducing barriers to care, particularly in rural and underserved communities.

BUDGET

A total of \$700,000 is available through this Notice of Funding Opportunity. The State intends to award multiple grants for the performance period beginning May 1, 2026, and ending September 29, 2026.

The State reserves the right to make partial awards, reduce award amounts, or make fewer awards than anticipated, consistent with program needs and available funding.

ELIGIBILITY

To be eligible for this funding opportunity, the following must be met:

- Be one of the following types of organization located in or seeking to expand services within North Dakota:
 - Non-profit organization, or
 - Family-led organization, or
 - Private behavioral health, or
 - Healthcare provider, or
 - Tribal organization, or
 - Public or private school, or
 - Other community-based, child-serving entity; and
- Provide services to children, adolescents, and young adults, birth through age 21, who are at risk for or have Serious Emotional Disturbances (SED), and their families; and
- Demonstrate alignment with North Dakota PMHCA efforts, including expanding access to telebehavioral health services, supporting pediatric primary care providers in early identification, diagnosis, treatment, and referral, and/or enhancing care coordination and system integration to improve behavioral health outcomes in underserved and rural communities.

PMHCA SERVICE GRANT APPLICATION

APPLICATION FORMAT AND CONTENT

FORMAT

An applicant is required to submit an application in order to be considered for the PMHCA Service Grant. The STATE will not be providing an application template; however, applications are recommended to be organized in alignment with the content items required below.

CONTENT

Successful applicant(s) must define the scope of service, target population, and service outcomes that align with the PMHCA grant goals.

An applicant must submit a signed application that includes the following:

1. Applicant information

- a. Complete name and address of applicant's organization.
- b. Name, email address, mailing address, and telephone number of the person to be contacted regarding the application.
- c. Name and title of the individual responsible for the project identified in the application.
- d. A statement indicating that the application does not contain any confidential information or make a written request to hold confidential any trade secrets and other proprietary data contained in their application.

2. Project description

- a. A narrative describing the proposed project.
- b. A description of how the project addresses a need or gap.
- c. A description of how the project will promote collaboration among community organizations, providers, and stakeholders to strengthen service delivery, enhance coordination, and improve outcomes for children, youth, and families.
- d. Demonstrate alignment with North Dakota PMHCA efforts, including expanding access to tele-behavioral health services, supporting pediatric primary care providers in early identification, diagnosis, treatment and referral, or enhancing care coordination and system integration to improve behavioral health outcomes in underserved and rural communities.

3. Experience/infrastructure

- a. Demonstrate staff, agency, and/or contracted providers are appropriately licensed to deliver the services outlined in the workplan.
- b. Outline current experience within organization that aligns with PMHCA efforts as outlined under the "Eligibility" section above.

4. Work plan

- a. A comprehensive project work plan and timeline the applicant intends to follow and illustrate how the project will be successfully implemented. The timeline should include milestones with estimated dates through September 29, 2026.
- b. A description of the type of work each of the applicant’s staff will perform in carrying out the project and describe relevant credentials and experiences of each staff member. If the offeror plans to use external sources, such as consultants, this must be included in the plan.

5. Impact of Project

- c. A description of the anticipated impact the project will have. Utilize data when possible.
- d. A description of how process and outcome measures will be gathered and reported.

6. Sustainability

- a. A description of how the project will be sustained after funding ends.

7. Budget

- a. The total amount of funds being requested for applicant’s project and a detailed budget, including the information below:

Category	Amount
Salaries & Fringe Benefits	
Travel	
Subcontracting	
Equipment	
Supplies	
Operations	
Other	
TOTAL DIRECT COSTS	
Indirect Costs	
TOTAL BUDGET:	

- b. Budget narrative describing each category and budget amount proposed above.

8. Signature

- a. All applications must be signed and dated.

PMHCA SERVICE GRANT SUBMISSION AND REVIEW PROCESS

SUBMISSION TIMELINE

Timeline	
Notice of Funding Opportunity Announcement	March 20, 2026
Notice of Funding Opportunity Question Deadline	March 25, 2026, at 4:00 p.m. CT
Grant Application Submission Deadline <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Applications must be submitted to skapp@nd.gov 	April 2, 2026, at 12:00 p.m. CT
Approximate Grant Award Status Notification Date	April 24, 2026
Contract Start Date	May 1, 2026
Contract End Date	September 29, 2026

APPLICATION REVIEW PROCESS

CONFLICT OF INTEREST

Personal financial gain and private benefit to staff of the North Dakota Department of Health and Human Services is prohibited. If an evaluator has a conflict of interest, they will not evaluate the grant applicant and shall recuse themselves from the review of that particular grant application.

The evaluation team will utilize the Evaluation Tool (Attachment A) to review all applications.

After reviewing an application and completing an evaluation, the team will determine if the application should be awarded, partially awarded, or not awarded. STATE reserves the right to not award an application.

- **Applications that are not awarded:** The applicant will receive a notice of not being awarded.
- **Applications that are partially awarded:** The applicant will receive a notice of being partially awarded with the amount that is being awarded. STATE may request a meeting prior to the award. Applicants will then enter into a Grant Agreement with State (Attachment B). Applicant shall acknowledge receipt of award. STATE reserves the right to follow-up on progress and request repayment of inappropriately used funds.
- **Applications that are awarded:** The applicant will receive a notice of being awarded with the amount being confirmed. Applicants will then enter into a Grant Agreement with STATE (Attachment B). Applicant shall acknowledge receipt of award. STATE reserves the right to follow-up on progress and request repayment of inappropriately used funds.

An awarded applicant is required to register as a Vendor with the Secretary of State. The North Dakota Secretary of State has registration requirements for individuals and businesses transacting business in North Dakota. If the applicant is determined to have a

registration requirement with the North Dakota Secretary of State, they shall be registered before the contract award and registration shall remain active for the duration of the contract period ([N.D.C.C. § 54-44.4-09.1](#)).

- See the OMB [Guidelines to Vendor Registry](#) for more information.

Visit the Secretary of State's [Vendor Registration](#) webpage for information on registration requirements and fees. Visit [FirstStop](#), the Secretary of State's business and licensing software, for online form options.

- Check the [Business Records](#) database to see if a business is registered.
- Contact [Secretary of State's](#) office by [email](#) or call 701-328-2900 (choose menu item 2, then option 1).
- If you need to register, fees apply.
- Vendors may need to obtain businesses licenses. See the [list of licenses required of businesses](#) in the State of North Dakota. The link includes information on who to contact, application fees, renewal dates, and the legal reference.

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment A: Evaluation Tool

Attachment B: Sample Grant Agreement