

Mental Health Federal Funding Opportunities for High Schools

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If your high school aims to implement comprehensive student mental health support systems, these federal grants may provide the financial support you need to realize your goals. Many of the federal funding opportunities listed below can be used to pay for [JED High School](#), a collaborative process of program and policy development that helps you build upon your existing student mental health offerings. Click the link in the last column for more details on each opportunity.

Note: LEA stands for “local educational agency,” which refers to a public board of education or any other public authority legally given administrative control or direction of public elementary or secondary schools. SEA stands for “state educational agency,” which refers to state boards of education or any other agency or officer primarily responsible for a state’s supervision of public elementary or secondary schools.

Funding opportunity name	Description/ purpose	Eligibility	Can it pay for JED High School?	Can funds go directly to individual high schools?	Fact sheet link
SAMHSA Project AWARE	Develop sustainable infrastructure for school based mental health programs and services. Anticipated award amount of \$1.8 million per year per award.	States and Territories, including District of Columbia, political subdivisions of States, Indian Tribes or tribal organizations, health facilities, or programs operated by or in accordance with a contract or ward with the Indian Health Service, or other public or private non-profit entities.	Yes	Yes	Link
Mental Health Awareness Training (MHAT)	Training individuals (including school and emergency personnel) to recognize signs and symptoms of mental health disorders, employ crisis de-escalation techniques and how to be better prepared to safely respond to	States and Territories, including District of Columbia, political subdivisions of States, Indian Tribes or tribal organizations, health facilities, or programs operated by or in accordance with a contract or	Yes	Yes	Link

	individuals with mental disorders.	ward with the Indian Health Service, or other public or private non-profit entities.			
ESSA Title II	Preparing, recruiting, and training high-quality teachers, principals, and other school leaders.	Any public, private, or tribally controlled institution of higher education	No	Yes	Link

Education Innovation and Research (EIR)	Implementing programs and learning models to promote educational equity and adequacy in resources and opportunity for underserved students, including students with disabilities.	LEAs, SEAs, Bureau of Indian Education, nonprofit organizations	Yes	No	Link
TOP Grant Program	Teacher preparation and training or school programs related to serving students' "social, emotional, and academic needs."	Partnerships among high-need LEAs, individual schools within those LEAs, and institutions that host teacher education programs	No	Yes, in partnership with an institution that provides teacher training	Link
Indian Health Services' Zero Suicide Initiative	Implementing comprehensive, culturally informed, multi-setting approaches to suicide prevention in Native American health systems. Anticipated award amount of \$200,000 to \$300,000 per year per award.	Tribal governments, tribal organizations, or urban Indian organizations (UIOs)	Yes, but only if a tribal government or organization used the funds to pay for JED programming within its schools.	No	Link