

**To:** Institutions of Higher Education

**From:** Office of the Secretary of Higher Education

**Date:** January 11, 2023

**Subject:** Responses to Technical Questions to Mental Health in Higher Education:

Community Provider Partnerships and Professional Development Grant

Thank you to institutions for submitting technical questions regarding the Notice of Grant Opportunity (NGO) for the Mental Health in Higher Education: Community Provider Partnerships and Professional Development Grant.

## Answers to submitted questions are available on the OSHE website:

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As a reminder, applications are due on or before 5:00pm on January 31, 2023. The NGO, budget template, and responses to technical questions are available on our website: <a href="https://www.state.nj.us/highereducation/mentalhealth.shtml">https://www.state.nj.us/highereducation/mentalhealth.shtml</a>.

Institutions are encouraged to keep in mind that the FY23 Appropriations Act allocated \$10 million to OSHE for telehealth services to support students' mental health needs throughout the State. Please note that OSHE is in the process of contracting with a single vendor to provide virtual scheduled counseling sessions and 24/7/365 crisis support to students enrolled in institutions of higher education across the State. OSHE anticipates offering these services at no cost to institutions or students. While institutions can choose to independently contract for telehealth services using Community Provider Partnerships and Professional Development Grant funding, institutions should anticipate that services will be offered by way of a State contract in the coming months.