



**Funding Opportunity:**

# Funding Opportunity: Creating Healthy Schools - Statewide systems building

**Description:** Allocate funding to partners in two-year grants to implement systems of support and healthy schools infrastructure (across comprehensive physical activity, nutrition, behavioral health and student health services).

**Funding Time Frame:** Up to two years of funding.

**Grant Deadline:** Not accepting applications. This work is in progress.

**Eligibility Requirements:**

- Non-profits and government entities
- Open to organizations with statewide or regional focus. Regional is defined as working across multiple cities/counties and multiple school districts.

**Statewide systems building grants are focused on:**

One or more of the following systems building functions:

- **Data & Assessment of Best Practices:** Continuing to build statewide systems to collect data, assess best practices and celebrate excellence
- **Continuum of Practices:** Expanding implementation of a continuum of practices that ensure students have health knowledge, skills and supports
- **Qualified Staff/Professional Development:** Supporting efforts to ensure an adequate number of qualified staff and professional development opportunities, leading to:
  - An adequate number of school staff with the capacity to support the components of a healthy school
- **Communications & Marketing:** Communications and marketing on the importance of healthy schools, leading to:
  - Administrator support for healthy schools
  - Local teams of community, staff, families, and students leading change
  - State and local policymaker support
  - Funder support
- **Policy Agenda:** Developing and implementing a long-term policy agenda for healthy schools, leading to:
  - State and local policies that create incentives for, provide resources to, and support healthy schools
  - Integration of health into school accountability systems
- **Research:** Research related to healthy schools, leading to having data to inform decision-making

**Current grant-funded activities include:**

- Aligning tools, data, resources, and programs in and connected to schools, especially within system areas
- Building inclusive engagement and partnerships
- Increasing health equity

- Aligning work with [Healthy Schools Collective Impact \(HSCI\) theory of change](#), including the recommended strategies from the work groups

## Evaluation

Evaluation is an important part of this overall funding strategy and the work of HSCI. Grantees are actively participating in the evaluation that is part of HSCI including periodic data submissions for inclusion in a shared measurement system and participating in surveys, interviews and small group discussions to debrief the learning.

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## Resources

**View an archived webinar that walks through three Creating Healthy Schools funding opportunities:**

[Creating Healthy Schools: Funding Options](#)

(Recorded Dec. 8, 2015)

[Download presentation slides \(pdf\)](#)

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