

# FY27 College Student Mental Health & Success Initiative Grant

*Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) – Internal Draft*

## Key Program Details (from the NOFO)

<b>Application Due Date</b>	July 9, 2026, 11:59 p.m. CST, via Euna/AmpliFund
<b>Grant Period</b>	July 1, 2026 – September 30, 2027 (a 15-month grant)
<b>Estimated Total Program Funding</b>	\$2,200,000, pending final FY27 state appropriations
<b>Anticipated Number of Awards</b>	At least 22 community colleges
<b>Award Range</b>	Up to \$100,000 per college (one application per college)
<b>Indirect Cost Cap</b>	15% of total award (not an alternate rate; applies to eligible categories defined in the institution’s NICRA or De Minimis rate)
<b>GATA Status</b>	Exempt from the Grant Accountability and Transparency Act (GATA)
<b>Questions / FAQ Process</b>	Submit to <a href="mailto:iccb.studentservices@illinois.gov">iccb.studentservices@illinois.gov</a> with subject line “[College Name] FY2027 College Student Mental Health & Success Initiative Grant question”; all Q&A posted to ICCB website FAQ
<b>Direct Student Support – New for FY27</b>	Beginning FY2027, direct student support (e.g., tuition assistance, stipends, gas cards, food vouchers, childcare, housing) must be budgeted in the “Grant Exclusive” tab of the Uniform Budget and is excluded from the indirect cost base
<b>Funding Deadlines</b>	Funds obligated by end of grant period (9/30/2027); goods ordered by end of grant period and received within 60 days after; services rendered by end of grant period; funds expended within 60 days after end of grant period; final budget mods due 60 days before end of award term

**Q: We currently have a contract for this type of service that expires in December 2026, and there is uncertainty about whether it can be renewed without additional funds. Is it allowable to use FY27 grant funds for this service?**

**A:** Generally, yes — this is the type of situation the FY27 NOFO is designed to address. The grant period runs from July 1, 2026 through September 30, 2027, which overlaps with and extends beyond your current contract’s December 2026 expiration.

**Q: Is the new Direct Student Support category (gas cards, tuition assistance, food vouchers, etc.) capped at 10% of the requested grant funds?**

**A: The NOFO does not state a 10% cap on Direct Student Support.** The relevant section (“Direct Student Support: Reclassification in Grant Exclusive Category”) explains that, beginning in FY2027, direct student support — funds a student receives directly (e.g., tuition assistance, stipends) or indirectly (e.g., childcare, transportation, gas cards, food vouchers/benefits,

examination fees) — must now be budgeted in the “Grant Exclusive” tab of the Uniform Budget, and that these line items are excluded from the indirect cost base.

**Q: Is the FY27 College Student Mental Health & Success Initiative Grant the only FY27 funding opportunity ICCB will offer under the Mental Health Early Action on-Campus (MHEAC) Act?**

**A: No, it is not. That information is forthcoming.**

**Q: The total funding available through this grant (\$2.2M) appears to be less than the full FY27 state appropriation under MHEAC. Could ICCB clarify how any remaining appropriated funds will be distributed to community colleges?**

**A: The NOFO does not address this question, and ICCB clarification is needed.** The NOFO confirms only that:

- Estimated Total Program Funding under this NOFO is \$2,200,000, “pending final FY27 state appropriations”;
- ICCB anticipates funding at least 22 community colleges, with awards up to \$100,000 per institution; and
- Funding under this program is sourced from State appropriations and is GATA-exempt.