

# FY27 College Student Mental Health & Success Initiative

*Applicant Overview Guide*

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**Application Deadline:** July 9, 2026 | **Submit via:** Euna/AmpliFund | **Total Funding:** \$2,200,000



# Grant At-a-Glance

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## Awarding Agency

**Illinois Community  
College Board (ICCB)**

## Award Amount

**Up to \$100,000  
per college**

## Total Funding

**\$2,200,000  
(pending FY27 appropriations)**

## Grant Period

**July 1, 2026 –  
September 30, 2027 (15 months)**

## Expected Awards

**22 community  
colleges funded**

## Cost Sharing

**Not required**

# Background & Purpose

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*MHEAC Act  
Mental Health Early  
Action on Campus Act*

## What is this grant about?

- Support Illinois community colleges in implementing, expanding, and evaluating equitable, evidence-based mental health supports
- Align with Mental Health Early Action on Campus Act (MHEAC) requirements
- Integrate mental health into broader institutional systems and student success strategies
- Move beyond isolated services toward sustainable, institution-wide approaches
- Support student persistence, completion, and overall wellbeing



**Priority: Expanding existing services OR implementing new evaluation strategies**

# MHEAC Act: 6 Core Goals

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1

Increase mental health awareness on college campuses

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Identify students with mental health needs and connect them to services

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Increase student access to support and clinical mental health services on campus and in communities

4

Empower students through peer-to-peer support and training

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Reduce administrative policies that create undue burden on students seeking mental health leave

6

Evaluate programming effectiveness and student outcomes

# 7 Funding Objectives

*Select at least one — priority given to expanding current services, launching new initiatives, and/or developing evaluation strategies*

1

## Campus-Wide Awareness & Access

Multi-channel strategy, mental health orientation, curriculum integration, dedicated webpage

2

## Early Identification & Screening

Proactive screening tools (depression, anxiety, substance use), promoted each term

3

## Training & Response Capacity

Expert panels, policy development, advisor training, triage systems, early alert

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## Integrated Service Network

Linkage agreements, referral pathways, campus-community coordination

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## Workforce Sustainability

Address burnout for student-facing staff: supervision, support, caseload assessment

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## Ethical Data & Transparency

Trauma-informed data collection, privacy protections, student-centered consent

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## On-Campus Crisis Services

Expand hours, extend services to regional/satellite campuses, serve underserved students

# Application Package Checklist

*All parts must be completed — submitted through Euna/AmpliFund only. No paper or email copies accepted.*

## 01 GATA-Exempt Application

Complete every section of the Uniform Application form in Euna/AmpliFund

## 02 Cover Page

College name, address, website; contacts for President/CEO, CFO, and Project Coordinator; authorized statement

## 03 Abstract (1 page max)

Proposed activities & services, anticipated staff/consultants/partners, and proposed objective(s)

10 pts

## 04 Application Narrative (6 pages max, double-spaced, 12pt)

Basic Project Info · Goals & Objectives · Statement of Need · Program Justification · Work Plan · Scalability · Contingency Plan

## 05 Uniform Budget

Use ICCB Uniform Grant Budget Template + complete the Euna/AmpliFund budget (by category total, not line item)

5pts

# Narrative Sections (6 pages max)

## Basic Project Information

Scope, impact summary, target student population

## Goals & Objectives

Measurable, explicit short- and long-term goals. Use a table. Include # students served, staff trained.

## Statement of Need

Institutional data showing financial and programmatic need. Be explicit.

## Program Justification & Desired Impact

Data on student impact, community and institutional benefit

## Project Work Plan

Activities, timeline, responsible parties (internal & external), partners, success measures. Table encouraged.

## Scalability or Replicability

How the project can or has been scaled/replicated in Illinois

## Contingency Plan

Backup plan if original scope changes (e.g., hiring fails) + plan if funding is not awarded

# How Applications Are Scored

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Application, Cover Page & Abstract

10 pts

Basic Project Info, Statement of Need & Fiscal Need

10 pts

Overall Goals, Objectives & Indicators of Performance

25 pts

Project Work Plan, Partnerships & Desired Impact

35 pts

Capacity, Scalability, Replicability & Contingency Plan

15 pts

Uniform Budget

5 pts

**100 pts total**

# Budget & Funding Rules

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## Indirect Cost Cap

15% of total award — use established NICRA, state negotiated rate, or De Minimis (15% of MTDC).

## Direct Student Support (NEW FY27)

Tuition assistance, stipends, transportation, childcare, food vouchers, books, supplies — put in Grant Exclusive tab of Uniform Budget (excluded from indirect base).

## Grant Period Deadlines

- Funds obligated by Sept 30, 2027
- Goods received within 60 days after
- Services rendered by end of period
- Funds expended within 60 days after
- Final budget mods due 60 days before end- August 1

## Not Allowable

Gifts, giveaways, or swag of any kind are NOT allowable expenses.

## No Cost Sharing

No matching or cost sharing is required.

## Two Budget Submissions Required

1. Uniform Grant Budget Template (ICCB website)
2. Euna/AmpliFund budget (by category total — must match)

# Indirect Cost Calculation Tool

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- 1.) Go to ICCB.org
- 2.) Click on Grants
- 3.) Go to Resources
- 4.) Under Grant Resources or Guidance, see Indirect Cost Calculation Tool

<https://www.iccb.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/08/Indirect%20Cost%20Calculation%20Tool.xlsx>

# How to Apply: Step-by-Step

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## Review the NOFO

Read this full guide and the NOFO document from [iccb.org/grant-opportunities/](https://iccb.org/grant-opportunities/)

2

## Attend Bidder's Conference (Optional)

Webinar TBD — recording posted on ICCB website afterward

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## Submit Questions by Email

[iccb.studentservices@illinois.gov](mailto:iccb.studentservices@illinois.gov)

Subject: [College Name] FY2027 College Student Mental Health & Success Initiative Grant question

No phone calls. FAQs posted on ICCB website.

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## Prepare All Application Components

GATA-Exempt Application · Cover Page · Abstract · Narrative · Uniform Budget

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## Submit via Euna/AmpliFund

Deadline: July 9, 2026 at 11:59 p.m. — Verify submission status in Euna/AmpliFund

Paper/email submissions are NOT accepted

# If Awarded: What's Expected

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## Carry Out Proposed Scope

Execute all required activities for your selected objective(s)



## Meet Performance Indicators

Report on number of students directly served and student outcomes (retention, course completion, program/certificate completion)



## Quarterly Reporting

Submit programmatic and fiscal reports quarterly to ICCB. Templates provided after award.



## Collaboration & Convenings

Participate in any ICCB, ICSPS, and Illinois Campus Cares TA events and statewide convenings

# Key Contacts & Resources

## Grant Contact

Mackenzie Montgomery  
Director for Student Engagement  
Illinois Community College Board

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## Resources & Links

- NOFO & Grant Materials: [iccb.org/grant-opportunities/](https://iccb.org/grant-opportunities/)
- Bidder's Conference: Webinar 6.10.26 — link on ICCB website
- Submit Application: Euna/AmpliFund portal
- All FAQs posted on ICCB website

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