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## MEMORANDUM NO. 2022–105

**TO:** School District Superintendents  
Special Services Directors  
School Counselors

**FROM:** Wanda Maloney, Chief Policy Officer

**DATE:** September 6, 2022

**SUBJECT:** ESSER/ARP Grant for School-based Mental Health and Substance Abuse Treatment

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# SCHOOL-BASED MENTAL HEALTH AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE TREATMENT GRANT

An opportunity is available to school districts to apply for funding for school-based mental health and substance abuse services. This is a Federally funded ESSER/ARP grant that will provide services through December 31, 2024. The mission of this grant is to reduce the impact of mental health conditions and substance abuse within Wyoming communities. This grant will utilize evidence-based practices and leadership to support the mental health and substance abuse needs, prevention, treatment, and recovery to improve community health.

The program will be executed based on a geographic cohort model that is described in the application guide found [here](#). The current program model that is being utilized for Project AWARE will be utilized for the ESSER/ARP grant, serving a total student population of 2500-3000 students with 1-2 full time licensed mental health clinicians providing care. It is required that districts follow the MTSS-B model in order to streamline our referral pathway.

This award will be determined through an application process based on district need, geographic location and student population. A webinar to explain the cohort model in detail, expand on the MTSS-B model, and provide further grant details and spending limitations is scheduled from 4-5 p.m. on September 8, 2022, from 4 to 5, or watch the webinar recording, which will be uploaded to Wyoming Department of Education's [YouTube channel](#) following the webinar. Register for the webinar [here](#).

Interested districts should submit an application by October 7, 2022 [here](#).

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