REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL (RFP)

Student Mental / Behavioral Health Services
Furlow Charter School – 63 Valley Drive, Americus, GA 31709

OVERVIEW

Furlow Charter School is soliciting proposals from qualified and licensed mental health provider(s) to deliver student mental and behavioral health services for scholars in grades 6–12 in accordance with the Georgia Department of Education Student Mental/Behavioral Health Services Grant.

The purpose of this grant is to support student wellbeing by addressing non-academic barriers to learning and ensuring access to mental health support services for middle and high school students.

Student Mental Health Services

Furlow Charter School intends to use $15,404 of its state grant allocation to contract with a qualified mental health professional, tele-mental health provider, or local mental health agency to provide direct services to students.

Services must align with the Multi-Tiered System of Supports (MTSS) framework and may include Tier 1, Tier 2, or Tier 3 interventions to support students' mental and behavioral health needs.

Project Completion Timeline: 2026-2027 School Year

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SCOPE OF WORK

The selected provider will deliver mental/behavioral health services designed to support students' emotional wellbeing and academic success.

The project scope shall include, but is not limited to, the following:

Direct Student Services

• Provide mental/behavioral health services to students in grades 6–12.
• Deliver services within the Multi-Tiered System of Supports (MTSS) framework.

Services may include:

Tier 1 – Universal Supports
• Classroom presentations or workshops on mental health awareness
• Social-emotional learning support
• Preventive wellness education

Tier 2 – Targeted Supports
• Small-group counseling
• Behavioral skill-building interventions
• Stress management and coping strategies

Tier 3 – Intensive Supports
• Individual counseling services
• Crisis intervention support
• Referrals for external mental health treatment when appropriate

Collaboration with School Personnel

• Coordinate with school administrators, counselors, and support staff.
• Participate in student support team meetings when appropriate.
• Assist with identifying students needing mental health support.

Family and Community Engagement

• Provide guidance for parent communication and involvement when appropriate.
• Ensure parental consent procedures are followed for services provided.

Reporting and Compliance

• Maintain documentation and service logs as required by the Georgia Department of Education grant program.
• Provide periodic reports summarizing services delivered and student support outcomes.

CONTRACTOR REQUIREMENTS

Respondents must:

• Hold appropriate Georgia professional licensure (e.g., LPC, LCSW, LMFT, psychologist, or equivalent).
• Demonstrate experience providing mental health services to adolescents in school or youth settings.
• Demonstrate familiarity with MTSS frameworks and school-based mental health supports.
• Provide at least three (3) references from schools or youth-serving organizations.
• Be E-Verify compliant and submit a Certificate of Insurance (COI).

Eligible providers may include:

• Local mental health agencies
• Licensed individual mental health professionals
• Telemedicine or tele-mental health providers

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DELIVERABLES

1. Mental health services implementation plan.
2. Documentation of Tier 1, Tier 2, and Tier 3 services delivered.
3. Student support reporting in alignment with Georgia Department of Education requirements.
4. Professional credentials and licensure verification.
5. Summary report of services and outcomes at the conclusion of the contract period.

FORM OF PROPOSAL

Proposals must include:

• Company Profile – Organizational background, licensure, and qualifications.
• Technical Proposal – Description of services and mental health intervention model.
• Implementation Plan – Schedule for providing services during the 26-27 school year.
• Cost Proposal – Detailed cost structure not to exceed $15,404 grant allocation.
• Compliance Documents – W-9, E-Verify affidavit, Certificate of Insurance.

EVALUATION CRITERIA

Criteria	Points
Cost Effectiveness	25
Experience and Qualifications	25
Quality of Mental Health Service Model	25
Implementation Plan & Student Support Strategy	25

ANTICIPATED TIMELINE

Milestone	Date
RFP Release	Oct. 8, 2026
Questions Due	Oct. 13, 2026 (5:00 PM)
Proposals Due	Oct. 15, 2026 (3:00 PM)
Evaluation & Selection	Oct. 15, 2026
Contract Award	Oct. 20, 2026
Service Implementation	November 2026 - May 2027
Completion	End of 2026-2027 School Year

SUBMISSION INSTRUCTIONS

Proposals must be submitted electronically in PDF format to:

sduff@furlowcharter.org

Subject Line:
Mental Health Services RFP – Furlow Charter School

Questions regarding this RFP should be submitted in writing no later than **October 9, 2026.**

Questions and answers will be posted on the Furlow Charter School website:

www.furlowcharter.org/purchasing

• Furlow Charter School reserves the right to reject any or all proposals.
• Vendors are responsible for all costs incurred in preparing and submitting proposals.
• The awarded provider must comply with **all Georgia Department of Education grant reporting requirements.**

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EVALUATION MATRIX

Criteria	Points Available	Points Awarded
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