



2017 IMPACT Grant with Mental Health Focus QUALIFICATIONS AND REQUIREMENTS

Open date: October 2, 2017

The PA Foundation seeks to support patient-focused, community-based health projects in the area of mental health that demonstrate an impact on patient health outcomes.

Preference will be given to:

- a. Projects/programs focused on mental health patient education, screening/referral, and patient outcomes.
- b. Projects/programs that test new PA-led models of care in mental health, which may include screening/referral methods, and/or that integrate mental health education into clinical visits.
- c. Projects/programs focused on reducing stigma associated with mental health disorders.

Eligibility Criteria

All grant applications must be submitted by one or more PAs or PA students who are members in good standing of AAPA. Applications must be made in conjunction with a nonprofit sponsoring organization, such as a nonprofit hospital or nonprofit community organization, an accredited PA Program, or an AAPA Constituent Organization. Depending upon the specific project and the potential liability it may involve, the PA Foundation reserves the right to condition approval of an application on affiliation with a sponsoring organization. In the evaluation process, preference will be given to those applicants who have not already been awarded a grant from the PA Foundation within the preceding 12 months (including both IMPACT Grants and Global Outreach Grants).

Application Requirements

The application will be available online and will include the following components:

1. An application form with the attached required documents listed below.
2. A detailed budget indicating expenses for which the grant funds will be used. **Please note that grant funds may not be used to pay salaries or to reimburse organizations for salaries. Grant funding will not be provided to cover any indirect/administrative costs.**
3. Evaluation criteria should be reflected in responses to questions asked below and included in your written proposal.
 - a. Clarity of the goals and activities of the project and alignment with designated mental health focus
 - b. Demonstration of PA leadership and involvement
 - c. Impact on the health of the target population
4. A written proposal (maximum 6 pages) addressing each of the following questions:
 - a. How does this project address the mental health crisis, particularly in the areas of screening/referral, patient education, and stigma reduction?
 - b. What are the characteristics of the patient population this project will serve?
 - c. What primary objectives/milestones does this project aim to achieve?
 - d. Describe the evaluation strategies to be utilized in measuring the success of the program or project. What points of data do you anticipate collecting during this project to measure impact, if any?

- e. What role will PA(s) and/or PA students play in the program? Indicate how PA value and/or PA utilization is critical in attaining the project objectives.
 - f. What infrastructure is in place—or will be in place—to support the project?
 - g. Briefly summarize how the IMPACT Grant funding will improve or enhance population health of the community. What impact will this grant funding have on the success of this program/project?
 - h. How will outcomes/results be disseminated (e.g., poster, presentation, publication, etc.)?
 - i. Include a timeline for the proposed project.
 - j. Is the project replicable? Is the project's impact sustainable? Please explain.
 - k. Is any portion of the project being funded by another source, and/or is this project part of a larger funding proposal? Will there be other support for the project (in-kind, matching funds, etc.)?
5. A letter of support signed by an official of the sponsoring organization, which includes:
- a. A statement indicating that the nonprofit organization affiliated with the project agrees to be financially responsible for accepting the funds and allocating the funds provided in accordance with the purposes of the grant.
 - b. Verification that the organization agrees to ratify that the project/program complies with the organizations internal policies and applicable regulations.
 - c. Verification that the organization does not advocate, support, or engage in discrimination in the provision of health care on the basis of age, color, disability, ethnicity, gender identity or expression, national origin, union membership, political affiliation, race, size, religious affiliation, sex, sexual orientation, or socioeconomic or veteran status.
 - d. Verification that professional liability insurance coverage is in place if the program/project involves direct patient care and patient information is HIPAA compliant.

Post-Grant Requirements

Grant recipients must submit a "Final Progress Report" within three months of the completion of the program/project that has been funded through the IMPACT grant. In addition, the grant recipients will be asked to sign and return the "Grant Award Agreement" upon acceptance of the grant funding.

Questions? Contact Caroline Pierce at cpierce@aapa.org or 571.319.4510.

Application deadline is November 10, 2017.