



Jackson County Community Mental Health Fund  
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### March 1, 2017: Request for Letters of Interest for Mental Health Service Innovation Projects

The Board of Trustees offers current grantees of the Jackson County Community Mental Health Fund the opportunity to develop and implement one-time Innovation Projects. This program may provide partial support for projects that enhance mental health services and outcomes. Applicants are encouraged to propose projects that collaborate with partner organizations. Funding may not be used for substance abuse treatment, healthcare or other non-mental health services. Rather than submitting a complete proposal, applicants use a three-step project development process beginning with a Letter of Interest. Complete application instructions are available at [www.Jacksoncountycares.org](http://www.Jacksoncountycares.org) under Community Investment, on the Request for Proposals page.

#### 2017 Priorities for Innovations:

- Indigenous and cultural approaches to mental healthcare
- Mental Health First Aid training for underserved communities
- Training and technical assistance for trauma informed care partnerships
- Public benefits: participant access and billing capacity
- First-time accreditation
- Agency-initiated projects

All priority areas are intended to be one-time projects demonstrating the ability to produce measurable, long-term improvements in mental health service quality and access. Topics should reflect applicants' best efforts toward using evidence-based responses to well-documented needs and issues experienced within their own practice.

#### Key Dates:

- 3/1/17: Release date for Request for Letters of Interest
- 3/10/17: Video tutorial will be posted, link on our web site
- 4/7/17: Letter of Interest due electronically before 12:00 Noon
- 5/19/17: Draft Project Work Plan due
- 6/2/17: Final Project Work Plan due

Selection is competitive. Only a subset of agencies submitting Letters of Interest will be selected to develop a Work Plan. Feasibility, contributed resources and agency/partnership capacity to complete the proposed program will be key assets in the competitiveness of innovation concepts. Strengths in the project's readiness should be highlighted in the initial Letter of Interest. Applicants selected to develop a Project Work Plan will have additional time to prepare documentation and finalize collaborations and procedures. Work Plans may be accepted for funding, or may be declined by the Board of Trustees.

This offering is limited to current contractors of the Jackson County Community Mental Health Fund in contract compliance. Funding may not be used to cover the costs of existing services. Innovation funding cannot replace or supplant programs that have received support from other sources. Substance abuse treatment and healthcare programs cannot be supported. Physical plant and non-technology capital expenses are excluded.

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