



VIBRANT COMMUNITIES MENTAL HEALTH GRANT PROGRAM GUIDLINES

FOCUS

For many years, qualitative and quantitative health data has identified mental health and substance abuse as priority issues throughout SCVF's six-county service area (Chisago and Washington counties in MN and Burnett, Polk, St. Croix and Pierce counties in WI). SCVF's **Mental Health** grant program intends to support organizations addressing the behavioral health needs of our communities to promote good mental health. Grants will fund the prevention and treatment of mental illness.

FUNDING CATEGORIES

- Project/Program Support:
 - Crisis intervention for individuals experiencing mental illness and/or substance use disorder.
 - Mental wellness programs that engage vulnerable populations.

SCVF-AFFILIATE COLLABORATION

The SCVF is collaborating with our ten Affiliates to offer this region-wide grant program (Amery Area Community Foundation, Chisago Lakes Area Community Foundation, Hudson Community Foundation, Lower St. Croix Valley Community Foundation, New Richmond Area Community Foundation, Northwest Alliance Community Foundation, Prescott Foundation, River Falls Community Foundation, Somerset Community Foundation, and Stillwater Area Community Foundation). On the application, applicants will indicate which community/ies they serve, how they are serving them, and what mental health interventions, policy, or projects they are implementing in at least **one** of those participating Affiliate communities.

GRANT RANGE

- Affiliate Community Grants: \$500 to \$5,500
- Multi-Affiliate Grants: \$500 to \$10,000

ELIGIBILITY

- Applicant must provide services in the ten participating affiliate communities.
- Applicants must be a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, partner with an eligible fiscal agent, or be a governmental entity, tribal entity, educational or religious organization defined as tax exempt.

PRIORITY POPULATIONS

- Vulnerable populations (including, but not limited to, children, the elderly, victims of domestic abuse, LGBTQ, persons with disabilities).
- Low-income families.
- Communities of color and indigenous peoples.



FUNDING CRITERIA

- The organization has the capacity to deliver programming to priority populations.
- There is strong rationale for the proposed work.
- Project details are thorough, and the scope is appropriate.
- There is a compelling case for how the proposed activities will benefit participants and produce intended outcomes.
- Additional consideration will be given to work that engages identified priority populations.

TIMELINE

- Application Live: Monday, **February 8, 2021**
- Application Due: Monday, **March 8, 2021**
- Notifications Mailed: April
- Grant funds must be expended within one year from the date of the award