Youth Suicide Prevention
Grant Opportunity

Exeter Hospital is committed to leveraging its Community Impact Program to substantially impact the risk of youth suicide in the greater Seacoast area of New Hampshire. Youth suicide has been identified in the Hospital’s last two Community Health Needs Assessments as a growing concern in our community and is the second leading cause of death in N.H for individuals ages 10-34.

Last year the Exeter Hospital Board of Trustees approved a five year initiative to impact the underlying causes of youth suicide. In October 2016, Exeter Hospital launched a four-year, $200,000 annual grant cycle. Grants will be awarded to organizations that address the root causes of youth suicide, including substance misuse, teen depression, social isolation, abuse, bullying, lack of awareness, and the communication and engagement barriers associated with the stigma of each of those issues within Rockingham County.

**Philosophy:** Exeter Hospital’s goal is to use a combination of Hospital-sponsored initiatives, community education, advocacy and the Community Impact Program over the next four years as catalysts to create a transformational change in the way the greater Seacoast community addresses the risks and underlying causes of youth suicide resulting in a reduction in the percentage of our youth who consider suicide or report attempting suicide\(^1\). Exeter Hospital will invest in areas with the greatest potential for its investment and approach to make a quantifiable difference.

**Guidelines:** Exeter Hospital is looking to support organizations that are seeking to work in new ways to address the root causes of youth suicide, or that will expand existing services to youth in Rockingham County. Grants that are clearly defined, collaborative, employ evidence-based strategies and focus on the root causes of youth suicide will be given preference. Requests for multi-partner initiatives are encouraged. Some portion of the grants will be targeted to support pilots for innovative, non-evidence based initiatives. Applicants must be able to demonstrate their progress—through measurable data relevant to their problem statement—toward engaging youth in meaningful activities.

**Who May Apply:** 501(c)3 organizations that are positioned to serve youth ages 10-18 in Rockingham County, New Hampshire. Exeter Hospital will not award grants to individuals or organizations that advance a particular religious belief. As a rule, Exeter Hospital will not provide grants to tax-supported organizations or municipalities and/or their departments,

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\(^1\) As measured in the Youth Risk Behavior Survey for the NH Seacoast.
although exceptions may be made when formally partnered with community based 501(c)3 organizations.

**Grant Amount:** Exeter Hospital intends to approve $200,000 in annual grants in the 2017 calendar year and will consider requests ranging from $5,000 to $50,000+. At the end of the first year of funding, organizations will be asked to present evidence of their impact and a plan for an additional year of funding. Organizations that can demonstrate impact toward the underlying risks of youth suicide in the region will be reviewed and may be granted an extension for a second year of funding.

As a guideline, in order to support the sustainability of these initiatives, Exeter Hospital generally will not fund more than 50% percent of a proposed initiative’s budget and will limit grants to no more than 25% of an organization’s historical average annual revenue. Organizations will need to address their plans to secure future funding to support these initiatives beyond this four year funding cycle. The Exeter Hospital Small Grants and Sponsorship programs offer alternative funding opportunities.

**Application Process:**
The first step in the process is a clear, concise Letter of Interest that outlines the expertise, commitment, and comprehensiveness of the project. Please include a brief statement of need, the project activity, expected outcomes and budget information. A percentage of organizations that send Letters of Interest will advance to the next phase in the process. These organizations will be invited to submit a full proposal. At this time, Exeter Hospital will arrange a site visit, and share any questions specific to the request. Incomplete applications will not be considered. All materials will be accepted by email unless different arrangements are requested (see contact information below).

**Letter of Interest Instructions:**
- Review our grant guidelines
- Limit letter to two pages
- Briefly describe the programs or activities that will take place and the expected outcomes
- Include the number of youth your program will reach
- Include the total project budget and the amount of funding requested
- Provide complete contact information

**Important Dates:**
November 2, 2016: Grant cycle announced; instructions for Letters of Interest posted
Monday November 28: Letter of Interest Due
Monday December 19: Invitation for Full Proposals
Monday January 23: Full Proposals Due
Monday February 13: Awards Announced
*Materials are due by 5pm on all dates listed

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