



**PHFoundation**

**MENTAL AND BEHAVIORAL HEALTH – YOUTH**

**RFP ID #MBH-2018-2**

# REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

## 1. OVERVIEW

Portage Health Foundation (PHF) in collaboration with the Michigan Health Endowment Fund (Health Fund) is releasing a second round of funding support for 2018. The intention of these grants is to support projects that will have an impact on community health and wellness while addressing the systemic health needs and risk factors of youth in the four-county region. Further, we anticipate proposals will identify key components to support sustainability and/or systems change to ensure ongoing service delivery to meet community need once grant awards have been fully expended.

The most recent Mental and Behavioral Health Request for Proposal resulted in two grant awards. The first awarded to the Public Schools of Calumet, Laurium & Keweenaw focuses on the creation of a trauma-informed school; development of internal and external referral supports; therapy resources; and training for all school district staff and faculty.

The second award made to Dial Help, Inc. seeks to enhance and expand crisis response for children; coordination and navigation of services; and in-home family support.

Although these are important and positive steps towards meeting the mental and behavioral health (MBH) needs of our children and families, they are the first steps of many toward long-term solutions.

This call for proposal specifically addresses two of the five pillars of emphasis of the Portage Health Foundation: Access to Care and Community Health. It also addresses a key Health Fund priority: mental and behavioral health services for children.

Grants will provide financial resources to develop new and/or expanded health services which meet our community's needs, further providing support for activities that promote healthy lifestyles which improve the overall health of a community.

Successful proposals will align with the Portage Health Foundation's mission and address mental and behavioral health including SUD and addiction services specifically around needs of our youth population (ages 0-18). For example, some areas of interest identified from the community-convenings that have taken place include:

1. Early intervention and prevention programs including:
  - o SUD/Addiction and Prevention Services
  - o Suicide Prevention and Awareness
  - o Grief/Loss
  - o Anti-bullying
2. MBH service access, coordination, and navigation targeting programming that will help address various forms of mental illness, stress reduction, anxiety, and depression;
3. Programs to support youth leadership skills and resiliency development;
4. Mindfulness activities focused on aiding in the resiliency development of our youth population;
5. Programming specifically offered to provide parent education and engagement; and
6. Programs/trainings that incorporate healthy nutrition and physical activity as part of the approach to mental health maintenance and well-being

## 2. REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL SOLICITATION TIMELINE

June 11, 2018	RFP Publicly Announced
July 6, 2018 3:30 pm ET	Letter of Inquiry (LOI) Due*
August 29, 2018 3:30 pm ET	Applications Due
October 19, 2018	Grant Awards to be Announced

\*Although not required, LOI's are strongly encouraged!

All application information and LOI forms can be found at <http://phfgive.org/grants.php>

## 3. ELIGIBILITY

To be eligible to apply for a grant under this program, the applicant must:

- Be recognized by the Internal Revenue Service as a 501c(3) non-profit organization; or a local unit of government;
- Be domiciled in Baraga, Houghton, Keweenaw and/or Ontonagon counties of Michigan;
- Have a current Form 990 (certified financial audit is desired) and;
- Have at least 1 FTE.

### **TO BE CONSIDERED FOR A GRANT, A PROPOSAL MUST:**

- Mobilize strategies that will enhance, expand or create new programs and/or services.
- Identify a clear path to long-term sustainability. Applicants must demonstrate how the grant activities will be sustained outside the grant period.

### **APPLICATIONS EVALUATION CRITERIA:**

The Portage Health Foundation will evaluate each application on the following criteria:

- Does the proposal have goals/objectives that advance PHF's mission?
- Does the proposal identify an unmet community need/health risk?
- Does the proposal have measurable goals and objectives?
- Does the proposal have a budget that identifies and covers all necessary expenditures?
- Does the proposal identify a plan for sustainability?
- Is there potential to achieve significant long-term impact by implementing effective models or supporting needed innovation?
- Does the proposal demonstrate collaboration, including leveraging of other resources?
- Does the proposal have the potential to be replicated in other settings, including opportunities for learning, knowledge dissemination, and to inform public policy?

The Portage Health Foundation Grants Committee and the Board of Directors have sole responsibility for all grant decisions.

### **APPLICATIONS EXCLUDED FROM FUNDING CONSIDERATION:**

- Health-related emergencies;
- Clinical research;
- Loans;
- Litigation;
- Lobbying activities;
- Organizations that discriminate based on age, race, ethnic origin, religion, sexual orientation, disability, or gender;
- Proposals where granted funds will be used to maintain existing program(s) or solely fill a budget-gap for current services; and;
- Individuals or families and for-profit entities,

#### 4. GRANT AMOUNT

The Portage Health Foundation expects to award up to \$250,000.00 towards successful proposals under this round of funding. There is no minimum grant amount and the maximum amount awarded under this RFP will be \$250,000.00.

#### 5. APPLICATION PROCESS

Although not required, Portage Health Foundation strongly encourages all interested applicants to submit a [Letter of Inquiry](#) (LOI) prior to submitting a grant application. An LOI helps promote a clear understanding, collaboration, and project outcomes between PHF and grant applicants. Please approach the LOI as an abbreviated grant proposal that PHF can review to determine if a project matches our funding interests and is suitable for formal grant consideration. If an applicant has questions, they are encouraged to contact the PHF offices prior to formal submission of the application or refer the PHF's FAQ section on PHF's web page.

All interested parties intending to apply for funding support are encouraged to attend. Please visit PHF's website ([www.phfgive.org/grants.php](http://www.phfgive.org/grants.php)) to download an LOI and/or application.

#### Applications can be mailed to:

Portage Health Foundation  
 400 Quincy St. - PO Box 299  
 Hancock, MI 49930

Or submitted via email to:

[info@phfgive.org](mailto:info@phfgive.org)

#### 6. GRANTEE OBLIGATIONS

If awarded, applicants must agree to:

- Identify the Portage Health Foundation (and partners if required) as the source of funding in any program communications;
- Set specific outcomes for the proposed program, monitor progress toward achieving expected outcomes, and report progress on a regular basis to the Portage Health Foundation;
- Participate in any data collection and evaluation activities conducted by the Portage Health Foundation and/or its partners; and
- Participate in grantee gatherings and other activities that support dissemination of knowledge.

#### 7. ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

This 2018 call for proposal has been made possible through the support and partnership of the Portage Health Foundation and the generous support of the Michigan Health Endowment Fund. You can learn more about each of these funder-partners at their respective web sites.

## 8. ABOUT THE PORTAGE HEALTH FOUNDATION

The Portage Health Foundation's mission is to support the charitable health needs of the community through enhanced philanthropy and community collaboration. The Portage Health Foundation's five pillars of emphasis guides meaningful investment in projects, programs, and services that meet the needs of the community and align with our mission of improving the health of residents in Baraga, Houghton, Keweenaw and Ontonagon counties.

**You make the difference. Together we make it possible.**

The Portage Health Foundation is a 501(c)(3) charitable organization that receives and contributes charitable donations which support the health needs of the community through enhanced philanthropy and community collaboration throughout Baraga, Houghton, Keweenaw and Ontonagon counties.