About Us
The Community Leadership Partners, a giving circle of Hampton Roads Community Foundation, is a group of South Hampton Roads civic leaders who use their resources to improve our region. The members of the Community Leadership Partners seek to increase their understanding about the needs of our region, and share a desire to learn about philanthropic opportunities that support nonprofits’ needs and help strengthen our community.

Focus Area
In 2023, the Community Leadership Partners will fund 501(c)(3) nonprofit public charities with impactful and practical programs that support mental health services.

Grant applications should explain how the program for which funding is sought addresses the priority impact area of mental health services. Programs should facilitate early intervention, rapid response, and expedited access to mental health services. Programs should also encourage peer support, socialization opportunities, and family and community support. Preference will be given to organizations requesting support for a program specifically dedicated to supporting mental health services.

Examples of eligible programs:
- Suicide prevention and other harm reduction strategies
- Early intervention services for persons affected by mental health disorders
- Community health initiatives and resources designed to increase awareness, early recognition, and active intervention for mental health issues
- Community health initiatives and resources designed to decrease stigma for individuals accessing mental health support
- Peer support led by a trained and certified coach or specialist
- Systems (or service or program) access, information, navigation, and referral
- Professional development and capacity-building to facilitate the above programs and services, including PRS, CPRS, and NCPRSS

Clinical treatment services will not be considered for funding. For the purposes of this grant, clinical treatment refers to direct patient care, which may include face-to-face and virtual contact with patients for the purpose of diagnosis, treatment, and ongoing care. If you have questions regarding the eligibility of your program, please attend the virtual Application Information Session on March 28.

Grantees will be expected to report on the number of persons served by your program. If you have a plan for program sustainability, please be sure to include that in your application. All applicants must demonstrate the ability to deliver services in a high-quality manner that adheres to safety protocols associated with public health recommendations, including HIPAA Rules for direct mental health services.

The Community Leadership Partners encourages collaboration with other organizations to reduce duplication of services, and use of innovative methods incorporating evidence-based best practices.

Note: The Community Leadership Partners will accept only one grant application from any eligible nonprofit organization.
Grant Range and Evaluation Process
The Community Leadership Partners anticipate awarding one-time grants in the range of $2,500 to $25,000. The Partners reserve the right to award both smaller and larger grants. Eligible nonprofit applicants may be contacted by a member of Community Leadership Partners to schedule a site visit as part of the grant evaluation process; the site visit should occur mid-May to mid-June at a mutually-agreed-upon date and time.

Eligible Organizations
Community Leadership Partners will accept grant applications from nonprofit 501(c)(3) public charity organizations that meet the Hampton Roads Community Foundation’s eligibility requirements and provide program services to serve clients within any of the five major cities of South Hampton Roads (Chesapeake, Norfolk, Portsmouth, Suffolk, or Virginia Beach).

Organizations must have at least three board members excluding the Executive Director, President, or CEO of the organization. Organizations must have an established track record of service and at least two years of uninterrupted nonprofit status with the IRS since at least April 1, 2021, as evidenced by the filing of a full IRS Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-N. Organizations that file a 990-EZ or 990-N must also submit a profit and loss statement that includes the organization’s revenues and expenses for 2022.

Organizations that have a current HRCF grant may apply for this opportunity. Applying for this grant will not impact the organization’s ability to apply for a Community Grant, Special Interest Grant, or any other grant program at HRCF for which it is otherwise eligible.

Eligibility Restrictions
As noted within the Hampton Roads Community Foundation’s eligibility requirements here, please review the list of 18 reasons for which Community Leadership Partners grants are generally not available. National organizations must have a local program or chapter with staff in South Hampton Roads to be considered eligible.

How to Apply for Funding
Application Submission Deadline — Monday, April 17, 2023, 11:59 p.m.
All applications must be submitted electronically through HRCF’s online portal, accessed here. Organizations that DO NOT submit the required attachments may not be considered.

HRCF staff are available to provide guidance and answer questions about the application content. Technical assistance will be provided by phone, email, and by appointment, depending on the type and complexity of the assistance requested.

- **For questions about your grant application proposal**, please contact Kate Wilson at kwilson@hamptonroadscf.org or (757) 383-6054.
- **For questions regarding HRCF’s online application portal**, please contact Gina Kelly at gkelly@hamptonroadscf.org or (757) 622-7951.

Application Information Session
One virtual session to explain the Community Leadership Partners grant opportunity and application will be held on **Tuesday, March 28, 2023 | 3:00 - 4:00 pm | Register here**

Grantee Reporting
Grantees will be required to submit a brief interim and final report through HRCF’s online grant system. The final report must include a project success story. Once grants are dispersed, grantees will have access to the report forms and will be able to submit it when they are ready. The formal deadline for interim and final report submission will be communicated through the grant agreement.