

Community Leadership Partners 2024 Grant Program Guidelines

Application Deadline: April 22, 2024

About Us

The Community Leadership Partners, a giving circle of Hampton Roads Community Foundation, is a voluntary group of 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 2024, the Community Leadership Partners will fund 501(c)(3) nonprofit public charities with impactful and practical programs that **support non-clinical 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, or destignatize access to mental health services
- Peer support led by a trained and certified coach or specialist
- 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 <u>Application Information Session</u> via Zoom on March 26.

Grantees will be required 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. If your program includes referral services, please include names of your referral partner organizations.

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.

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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 will be contacted by a member of Community Leadership Partners to schedule a site visit as part of the grant evaluation process; site visits will occur May 23-June 14 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 <u>eligibility requirements</u> 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, 2022, 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 2023. Organizations not registered with the State Corporation Commission (SCC) and Virginia Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services (VDACS) will not be eligible to receive funding, unless they have been granted an exception.

Organizations that have a current HRCF grant <u>may</u> 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. Due to the nature of this funding, healthcare facilities may be considered for funding. 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 22, 2024, 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 26, 2024 | 3:00 - 4:00 pm | Register here**

Grantee Reporting

Grantees will be required to submit a brief interim report (due January 31, 2025) and a final report (due July 15, 2025) through HRCF's online grant system. The final report must include a program success story. Once grants are dispersed, grantees will have access to the report forms and will be able to submit them when they are ready.

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