



LOHF provides several types of community benefit support opportunities for our Lancaster County community, including:

1. Community Grant Program
2. Leading Initiatives
3. Requests for Proposals
4. Leveraging Funds
5. Sponsorships



Guidelines

Mission – advance public health & well-being in Lancaster County by focusing on two intersecting goals:

1. Enhance healthcare providers’ knowledge
2. Improve children’s behavioral health services

We look for opportunities where these two goals intersect.

Examples include:

- Continuing medical education series on child abuse prevention
- Nursing education scholarships supporting school nurses, family nurse practitioners
- Training on “Reaching Teens” for strengths-based approach to building resiliency

Capacity Building – In all of our grant programs, we seek to support community benefit-organizations with capacity building, technical assistance, and support.

Evaluation – We encourage applicants to request funds for program evaluation. Staff will work collaboratively with potential applicants to assist in the design of program evaluation metrics. Whenever possible, we will also commission evaluation studies to better understand the impact of our grant funding.

Matching Funds – All of our grant funds require some amount of matching funds. Please refer to the individual program guidelines for detailed information about matching funds requirements.

Strategies

Funding priority is given to programs that best address the foundation’s core strategies to:

- Honor and celebrate the foundation’s Osteopathic values and legacy, but work to advance the entire medical professional community
- Prioritize the investment of our time and funds to improve health outcomes for the most vulnerable populations, i.e. people who lack access to care due to their incomes, ability to navigate delivery systems, mobility, or proximity to care
- Focus on care coordination efforts within children’s behavioral health care, where there is significant need
- Leverage financial resources through partnerships
- Work collaboratively to connect with others in the field
- Actively participate in advocating for improving the delivery of children’s behavioral health services
- Include diverse stakeholders in the planning, design, and provision of services
- Evaluate and improve programs for continuous learning



LOHF does not fund:

- Endowment or capital “bricks and mortar” drives
- Annual fund drives or loans
- Advertising in yearbooks or programs
- Electoral activities
- Retroactive expenses or projects
- More than 25 percent of an agency’s annual operating budget
- Overhead in excess of 10 percent of the grant amount
- Athletic, recreational or alumni activities
- Operating deficits
- Individual medical bills

All grant decisions are final and there is no process for appeals.

Opportunities

1) Community Grant Program –

We seek to support innovation, creativity, and capacity building efforts that advance mental wellness of children and youth in Lancaster County by facilitating access, education, and coordination of resources.

This funding area represents 18% of our annual grantmaking budget, and the total funds available is \$50,000 annually.

Community served:

- Children, Youth & Families: Lancaster County children and young adults (ages 0-25) with mental/behavioral health needs, and their parents/caregivers
- Providers: Medical and Behavioral health providers- physicians, nurses, psychiatrists, psychologists, social workers, guidance counselors, teachers, educators, community professionals working with children and young adults (ages 0-25)

Process:

- Letter of Intent (rolling)
- Possible site visit with staff/Board members
- Discussion with staff
- Applicants will be invited to submit a grant application
- Applications due September 1, 2015 and March 1, 2016
- Minimum suggested grant amount per year: \$5,000
- Maximum suggested grant amount per year: \$25,000
- Letters of support from community partners along with a list of any collaborative partners will be requested.



- Supports multi-year grants that encourage collaboration among organizations and plan for financial sustainability.

We seek outcomes that advance the following strategies based on needs identified in the 2014 Youth Behavioral Health study:

1. Care Coordination – improve the delivery of children’s behavioral healthcare services
 - Increased access to mental/behavioral health services
 - Seamless transition of services for young adults and their families
 - Coordinate resources so that families of children with behavioral health needs are supported in navigating and accessing care
 - Support efforts to embed behavioral healthcare within primary care practice settings
2. Family Education – enhance the capacity of parents, families, and caregivers through trainings and support
 - Parents, families, caregivers increase competency in addressing children’s behavioral health needs
 - Families and caregivers increase their understanding and confidence in parenting using strength-based techniques
 - Decreased need for care coordination
3. Provider Access – enhance the capacity of providers in physical health, behavioral health, and education
 - Reduce wait times for behavioral healthcare
 - Increase the number of children who have and utilize health insurance
 - Encourage well-child visits and preventative care
 - Expand the number and frequency of behavioral/mental health screenings in primary care and other appropriate community settings

2) Leading Initiatives

- Nursing education scholarship fund (\$60,000)
- Loan repayment program to address medical shortage areas, i.e. child psychiatry, family medicine (\$20,000)
- Continuing Medical Education and DO Medical Resident Support (\$9,000)
- Medical Consultation pilot program with university psychiatry & primary care practices
- Care Coordination systems change (children’s resource center pilot program) focused on developing and facilitating systems integration through electronic, online, phone support, and improved navigation.

This funding area represents 67% of our annual grantmaking budget, and the total funds available is \$189,000 annually.



3) Requests for Proposals

- We will issue specific requests for proposals to solicit responses based on community needs identified
 - More information will be added here when an RFP is issued

This funding area represents 6% of our annual grantmaking budget, and the total funds available is \$20,000 annually.

4) Leveraging Funds

- We seek opportunities to provide local match funds that leverage state and federal grant programs, and partnerships with other funding sources such as private foundations.
- Past examples- Heinz foundation, Lancaster County Community Foundation, United Way etc.
- Existing community partnerships – providing leadership & technical assistance
 - Lancaster County Mental Well-Being Collaborative
 - Lancaster Partnership for Community Wellness
 - Lancaster County Funders Forum – School Readiness initiative (\$5,715)
 - Lancaster County Behavioral Health/Developmental Services
 - United Way of Lancaster County Collective Impact

This funding area represents 6% of our annual grantmaking budget, and the total funds available is \$20,000 annually.

5) Sponsorships

- We provide community event sponsorships, support for trainings and technical assistance.
- Examples of current and past sponsorships include:
 - Youth Mental Health First Aid training with CSG (\$3,500)
 - Fulton Theatre Sensory Friendly Family series (\$2,500)
 - Hourglass Foundation Sesame workshop event

This funding area represents 3% of our annual grantmaking budget, and the total funds available is \$10,000 annually.