

# **Behavioral Health**

## Request for Proposal

## Background

As a catalyst for positive change, the Elevance Health Foundation drives innovative and scalable solutions to address physical, behavioral, and social needs through a multi-lever approach to community investment.

Over the next five years, we will continue our grantmaking focus on substance use disorder (SUD) and expand our support to include mental health (MH) initiatives. We invite qualified nonprofits with a history of successful community initiatives to join us in this mission.

The Foundation will prioritize funding for programs that increase the number of individuals receiving treatment for MH and/or SUD, support prevention and early-intervention strategies, and seek to reduce loneliness among individuals with these disorders.

## **Types of Programs**

Elevance Health will consider proposals from qualified organizations across the U.S. with an emphasis on:

- National programs. Promoting scalable and sustainable systemic change.
  or
- Local programs. Implementing relevant interventions in California, Florida, Georgia, Indiana, Missouri, Nevada, New York, Ohio, Texas, and Virginia.

#### **Grant Program Goals**

Elevance Health Foundation is requesting proposals for programs and initiatives that support one or more of the following goals:

- Achieve a percent increase in the number of individuals receiving treatment services for MH and/or SUD
- Support prevention and early intervention strategies to reduce risks and harms associated with MH and/or SUD through screenings
- Reduce social isolation and feelings of loneliness among individuals with MH and/or SUD

#### Grant Range & Term

• Grant Range: Open

The amount requested should be primarily limited to costs directly related to the implementation of the proposed program, and may include support for measurement, evaluation, and reporting.

• Grant Term: 1–3 years based on need (12-month increments)

#### **Grant Requirements**

Grantees will be required to provide semi-annual reports demonstrating progress towards achieving metrics specific to the program goal. Such metrics may include:

- Increase in the number of individuals receiving treatment services for MH and/or SUD
- Increase the rates of screening for MH and/or SUD
- Increase the percentage of individuals who screen positive for MH and/or SUD and attend at least one treatment appointment
- Decrease the feelings of loneliness and social isolation among individuals with MH) and/or SUD

## Priority Considerations

Proposals that will receive priority consideration include those that:

- Support whole-person health
- Address the health-related social needs of those being served
- Include interventions that are culturally relevant to the population being served
- Build trust through programming that considers the unique needs of those being served
- Offer innovative, scalable solutions
- Generate measurable outcomes

## Eligibility

Applicants must meet the following eligibility criteria:

- Proof of status as a registered 501(c)3 charitable organization under one of these Internal Revenue Code subsections:
  - 170(b)(1)(A)(vi). Receives substantial support from governmental units or the general public
  - 509(a)(2). Normally receives no more than one-third of its support from gross investment income and unrelated business income, and more than one-third from contributions, fees, and gross receipts related to exempt purposes
  - 509(a)(3). Operated solely for the benefit of and in conjunction with other exempt organizations (public charities):
     Type I, Type II, or Type III functionally integrated
- Clearly define measures and accountability standards, including key milestones
- Track and record long-term outcomes of program effectiveness and sustainable change

#### **Submissions**

Nonprofit organizations seeking funding to implement community-based initiatives that align with these guidelines can learn about application deadlines and submit an application online at:

## Elevancehealth.foundation/for-grantseekers

Please note, the grant review period will take between 4-6 months. Elevance Health Foundation will contact you for additional information, or once a decision is rendered.