



INSTITUTE OF MENTAL HYGIENE

CHILD AND ADOLESCENT MENTAL HEALTH GRANTS PROGRAM

General Statement

The Institute of Mental Hygiene (IMH) was established in 1937 by Samuel Zemurray to carry on "study, research and treatment in the City of New Orleans in the field of mental hygiene and psychiatry". Through its grantmaking programs and its leadership in efforts that impact mental health programs and policies, IMH seeks to promote the development of optimal mental health in young children and youth and their families.

Within a broad definition of mental health, IMH:

- supports the development, expansion and sustainability of quality mental health services
- emphasizes early intervention and prevention services
- encourages non-traditional providers and approaches
- seeks to improve the ability of organizations to deliver mental health care through service, policy or institutional reform
- in partnership with others, supports community efforts that promote optimal development of young children, youth and their families.

Guidelines

IMH welcomes proposals that test new ideas, work with youth-serving systems to insure that effective programs are institutionalized, or address critical or emergent issues. Accountability plans are required for all grants. Multi-year grants will be considered. They must detail annual objectives and these objectives must be met prior to the grant being renewed.

IMH makes grants only to organizations that are tax-exempt and provide services in New Orleans. Capital projects, general fund drives or grants to individuals will not be considered.

Since there are far more requests than can be funded, the Institute must be highly selective in making grants. In some instances applicants may be encouraged to apply for a technical assistance grant in order to strengthen their proposals or address organization concerns prior to submission to IMH or other funding sources.

Procedures

IMH encourages phone calls prior to submitting an application to explore ideas and clarify procedures. We require that you first submit a two or three page letter of intent, describing the need the project is to address, the project, its principle objectives, proposed interventions, timetable and estimated cost. Letters of intent should be submitted according to the schedule listed below. Within two weeks of receiving the abstract, IMH will notify you if a full proposal is requested. Applications must follow the *IMH Proposal Instructions*- a copy of which will be sent to you if a full proposal is requested. *IMH Proposal Instructions* can also be downloaded from the Tools section of this website.

Deadlines

Letter of Intent	Proposal (if requested)	Decision
October 21, 2009	December 7, 2009	January 2010
February 1, 2010	March 15, 2010	June 2010

Continue to check this website for announcement of next year's grant cycle.

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