



Request for Applications (RFA)
Suicide Prevention Projects
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The Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services (OhioMHAS) has funded and/or supported various community projects to reduce suicide in Ohio since 2015. Our focus has been on research and evaluation, prevention and workforce development. We appreciate and commend our regional and community partners who have initiated projects based on local need. Our shared goal continues to be assisting persons who are at risk, reducing and eliminating suicide in Ohio and supporting clinicians.

OhioMHAS again will be funding local and regional projects in SFY '19. We are seeking applications from boards that provide evidence of existing or developing collaborations and propose programs that assist persons at risk and/or persons with a history of suicide attempts, their families and community systems. We encourage applications that demonstrate coordination with community partners, including the county health department, the community behavioral health system (private and public hospitals, and community providers), primary education, colleges and universities, Veteran Services, local Coalitions, Local Outreach to Suicide Survivors (LOSS) teams, the judicial system, primary care providers, private practitioners (healthcare and behavioral healthcare), and peer support programs. A map of Ohio displaying the most recent suicide rates is attached, along with a one-page framework for comprehensive suicide prevention approaches. The attachments should be used to inform development of applications.

Eligible applicants are county mental health or alcohol, drug addiction, and mental health services boards. Applications will not be accepted from other sources, and that are not funded by other OhioMHAS grants.

Applications that include local match funds are encouraged. Project funding requests are limited to \$30,000.

We are seeking applications that address county wide or regional approaches in one of the following areas:

1. Workforce Development/Best Practice Training: Examples include implementation of the Zero Suicide model; Collaborative Assessment and Management of Suicide Risk (CAMS) training for providers in the system, Cognitive Behavior Therapy (CBT) and/or Dialectical Behavior Therapy (DBT) training for providers in the system.
2. Implementation of Universal Screening: Implementation of a standardized screening tool throughout an organization or a community-wide system. Partners may include behavioral health providers, primary care providers, emergency rooms, inpatient settings, and population specific (i.e. Veterans, Older Adult, College and University) settings.

3. Comprehensive Approaches: Implementation of a comprehensive approach for assessment, referral to treatment, safety planning, care coordination and follow-up contacts. This can be a single system or a multi-system approach.
4. Suicide Prevention Lifeline Affiliation (Crisis Hotlines): Resources to assist the regional or county Behavioral Health/Crisis Hotline in becoming a National Suicide Prevention Lifeline Affiliate.
5. Gatekeeper training (General or Special Population Focus)
6. Safety Plan or CALM Training: Training to assist with the development of Safety Plans (ex. Stanley and Brown) or Counseling on Access to Lethal Means (CALM) and a process to monitor utilization.

Application Guidelines

- Applications must include the specific geographic region of the state covered by the project.
- Applications must identify existing or developing collaboration(s) among community partners (as identified in the second paragraph above).
- Applications should include information regarding target populations and/or areas of the region where the project will be implemented.
- Applications must include information regarding deliverables or outcomes, and a plan for the applicant to report to MHAS on a bi-annual basis.
- Submission should include:
 - a cover page with contact information;
 - a proposal – no longer than two pages - addressing: local/regional need; project specifics, collaborative membership, sustainability plan, specific outcome measures, and
 - a budget form and budget narrative.

Application Submission Process

All applications must be submitted electronically via e-mail to:

SuicidePreventionRFA@mha.ohio.gov

Application Deadline: June 8, 2018

- All questions relating to this RFA must be submitted electronically to SuicidePreventionRFA@mha.ohio.gov not later than May 28, 2018 at 12:00 p.m.
- **No questions will be answered after the deadline.** You may NOT contact any OhioMHAS staff member directly with questions regarding this RFA.

Application Evaluation:

- Impact on high need areas and/or high need populations
- Effective collaboration with partners
- Project sustainability
- Proposed measures of success

Conditions of Award:

- Awarded applicants must submit bi-annual reports to OhioMHAS to include:
 - Number of persons trained, description of a plan to sustain knowledge (See 1, 5 and 6 above); or
 - Impact of comprehensive approaches and/or universal screening measured by new or strengthened partnerships and improved client engagement (See 2 and 3 above); and/or
 - Behavioral health hotline(s) is newly affiliated with the NSPL (See 4 above).
- Awarded funds must be expended or obligated by June 30, 2019.