Pew Charitable Trusts and Robert Wood Johnson Foundation

Restricted funding opportunity

From: Office of the Provost

Opportunity: Community Opioid Response and Evaluation (CORE) project

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Submission Limitations: Emory can submit ONE letter of intent / proposal

Internal Deadline: Completed application materials are due by August 14, 2019

Foundation Deadline: Letter due August 30, 2019

Internal Competition Guidelines: Interested applicants must submit an abstract of their proposed projects (not to exceed 2 pages) and a 5 page NIH biosketch to Holly Sommers via e-mail (hsomme2@emory.edu) by 5 pm on Wednesday, August 14, 2019, for consideration.

- Please put “CORE Grant - Applicant Name” in the subject line of the e-mail.
- The abstract and biosketch must be submitted in a single PDF file -- with the abstract first.
- Please note that written reviews or summary statements from the internal review and selection process will not be available.

Description of Opportunity

Localities have implemented a range of initiatives to tackle this serious public health problem, but most lack solid evidence about how effective they are. Through granted funds and technical assistance, the CORE project, supported by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, will help communities evaluate local initiatives, disseminate the findings, and advance the adoption of innovative models into other areas. The CORE project will advance adoption of best practices in addressing opioid use disorder through the evaluation of existing community innovations and provide support for up to six community research collaboratives to conduct robust evaluations of a local initiative. Programs may request a budget of up to and including $500,000, for a project duration of 24 months. Through this project, CORE seeks to:

- Identify a wide array of diverse communities implementing innovative, multi-sectoral, equity-focused programs to address the opioid epidemic;
- Support evaluation of community-based projects to understand the impact of programs across public health, social services, health care, behavioral health, justice, and other community-based settings that work to prevent and treat opioid misuse and opioid use disorder within affected communities; and
- Develop and curate evidence-based resources for communities across the nation seeking to respond to the epidemic

Application Components

Letters of Interest must be submitted via www.pewtrusts.org/CORE. There are two phases in the proposal process:

- Phase I - Letter of Interest: All applicant organizations must submit a letter of no more than four pages describing the program, its goals, and health equity considerations; either identify the program’s evaluation partner or plans for establishing one if selected; and discuss the program elements that would benefit from a more thorough evaluation. (Applicants may submit a letter without a confirmed evaluation partner; however, if selected to submit a full proposal, an evaluation partner will be required.)

- Phase II - Full Proposals (if invited): A select number of applicants from phase I will be invited to submit a full proposal of no more than ten pages, including information on a confirmed evaluation partner. Templates for a detailed budget, budget narrative, CVs/resumes, and timeline will be provided. Those applicants invited to submit a full proposal will receive additional information to guide development of a full proposal.