

Request for Proposals

Buncombe County Health and Human Services

Positive Tipping Points Mini-Grants

I. Introduction

Buncombe County was selected for a grant called Mobilizing Action for Resilient Communities (MARC) by the Health Federation of Philadelphia. The MARC grant seeks to identify and invest in promising community-level collaborative efforts that are focused on reducing the impact of early adverse childhood experiences, like abuse and neglect, by promoting family and community resilience.

II. Scope of Work

Every community faces unique challenges that require different solutions. To uncover these possibilities, groups are encouraged to apply for Positive Tipping Point mini-grants. These mini-grants will either fuel what is already happening or allow you to develop your own local projects that create pathways to greater resiliency in your community – actions that will stack positive factors, such as stronger connection, communication, and development of our community leaders, while offloading negative factors like isolation, hopelessness, and violence. These initiatives help build out a resource grid in our community that enables all of us to be safer and healthier.

Program requirements:

Applications for this grant must be from individuals or groups in the community that have come together around a common vision. The project must improve your community's resilience through small groups or individuals whose goal is to 'stack' positive factors and 'off-load' negative factors, tipping your community toward greater resilience.

Criteria:

You must craft an approach that fits within the local community, and your proposal should demonstrate the ability to:

1. Exhibit a shared desire among group members to take action and change a community issue;
2. Create community conditions for change to take root;
3. Forge relationships with the right partners to get started;
4. Build networks of innovation and learning within your group;
5. Document a way to gauge progress;
6. Cultivate can-do stories within your group and community.

III. Fiscal Provisions

A budget not to exceed \$5,000 is available for each mini-grant.

IV. Application Information

This solicitation is open to individuals, groups, and both non-profit and for-profit organizations. Applications will be accepted on a rolling basis and awards will be made monthly (within 30 days of application). Proposals must be submitted online no later than 5:00 p.m. on the second Friday of the month in order to be considered. The online application can be accessed at this link:

<https://www.grantinterface.com/buncombecounty/Common/LogOn.aspx>

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Proposal requirements:

Applicants will be required to respond to the following:

1. Project Name
2. Project Description: The project must support resilience or building positive factors in your community. Explain which community will be impacted by your project and how your idea fits within resiliency for your community. Describe the story that exists now within your community/group, and how your project will shape a different story.
3. Partners: Provide a list of partners involved in your project.
4. Budget: Provide a line item budget for this project to describe how funds will be used.
5. Goals: Describe how each budget line item above will support the goals of your project.
6. Sustainability: Describe how your project will be promoted and sustained going forward.
7. Messaging: Describe how your message will be communicated in both the short and long term.
8. Evaluation: Describe how you will measure success for your project.

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