Sharing Hope/Compartiendo Esperanza

Mini-grant

Purpose
The purpose of the mini-grants is to offer financial support for community organizations who will be partnering with local affiliates to facilitate community conversations using the Sharing Hope and/or Compartiendo Esperanza videos and facilitator guides. Facilitators will act as community brokers, helping to start critical conversations about mental health in their community as well as introduce community members to NAMI’s programs.

Award amounts
NAMI WA would award 9-18 mini-grants of $500-$1000 for a total expenditure of $9,000. Our goal is to distribute this as equally as possible among the 4 affiliate regions: East King County, Seattle, Whatcom County, and Yakima.

Grantee participation requirements
Grantees must work in partnership with the 4 affiliates who are part of the pilot to serve one of the following areas: East King County, Seattle, Whatcom County, or Yakima.

Mini-grant recipients will identify facilitators to attend a NAMI WA training, co-facilitated between NAMI WA and NAMI National SH/CE project consultants. At the training, facilitators will be introduced to the materials and be exposed to ideas about how to creatively use these materials in their community. They will also be introduced to NAMI’s programs, so they can share this information with their community. They will be introduced to the program evaluation tools they will need to use at their facilitated conversations.

Grantees will participate in creating at least 1 social media video in partnership with NAMI Washington. Facilitators will conduct at least 2 community conversations by 1/31/22. For larger grant proposals, more conversations will be required. Please specify this in your application.

Grant recipients will be required to submit program evaluations using tools provided by NAMI Washington as well as an end-of-grant report due 2/15/22.

Role of Affiliates
Pilot affiliates (East King County, Seattle, Whatcom County, and Yakima) will be critical in identifying potential community partners to apply for the mini-grants. An information session will be held on Wed, 10/6 for community partners to learn more about the mini-grant and the SH/CE materials. It is our hope that the affiliates will create ongoing relationships with these community partners. Affiliates will be invited to attend the facilitators trainings and follow up meetings. They can also send facilitators to the
training that are separate from the mini-grants. Program evaluations will also be shared with the affiliates.

Role of NAMI WA
NAMI WA will discuss the mini-grant proposals received with the affiliates, so they are aware of who is applying in their community. We will also keep the affiliates informed of who is funded and at what level. We will organize the facilitator training and follow up sessions in partnership with NAMI National. We will finalize the program evaluation tools and clearly communicate about the method for submitting data.

Mini-Grant Timeline (dates may change)
- Wed, 9/15/21 - Announcement of Grants to affiliates, so they can recruit community partners
- Wed, 10/6 – Informational event where community organizations can learn more about the mini-grant and the SH/CE materials. Register: https://bit.ly/NWAMini-grant21
- Mon, 10/25/21 – Applications due by 5pm
- Fri, 10/29 – funding decision made
- Wed, Nov 10 – grantees submit facilitator names
- Tues, November 16, 6:30-9 training
- Tues, December 14, 6:30-8 facilitator’s follow up meeting
- Tues, January 18, 6:30-8pm facilitator’s follow up meeting
- Tues, February 15, 5pm final reports submitted

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