



## ***2024 Mental and Behavioral Health Services, including Substance Use Disorders***

# REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

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### **1. OVERVIEW**

The Copper Shores Community Health Foundation's (CSCHF) mission is to positively influence a healthful community through enhanced philanthropy and collaboration.

Copper Shores Community Health Foundation's strategic goals include working "to increase the number of mentally, emotionally, and physically-well and resilient people in our community by increasing awareness, reducing stigma, improving access to care, supporting the development of necessary life-skills, providing advocacy and support, and addressing the effects of unmet individual health risks."

It is CSCHF's goal to improve access to quality mental and behavioral health services, including substance use disorder (SUD) care and treatment for other addictions that adversely affect the health of the individual. Emphasis of this request for proposal (RFP) will be prioritized for citizens that reside in CSCHF's service area (Baraga, Houghton, Keweenaw and Ontonagon counties).

Some suggested and identified **strategies** to help advance this initiative may include:

- The creation, support, and promotion of access to programs and services that educate, promote and support individual-choice of healthful activities and behaviors
- Awareness and education about unhealthful behaviors
- Remove stigma associated with help-seeking behaviors and mental health
- Promote collaboration and connections between prevention and other mental health needs in the community
- Remove barriers to and provide support of the healing necessary for victims of violent crime
- Ensure services and programs are culturally aware
- Mitigate the immediate and long-term effects of trauma
- Expand or amplify services where gaps exist for people needing clinical mental health supports
- Support for those working within the mental and behavioral health sector

**Some of the outcomes which are intended to be achieved through these strategies include:**

**Because, at an individual level it will lead to...**

- Increased knowledge of healthful activities
- Increased sense of safety and security from living in a vibrant and healthful environment
- Reductions in abuse of unhealthful behaviors (drugs, alcohol, gambling, smoking, domestic violence, etc.)
- Increase in the use of healthful, resilient behaviors
- Increase use of prevention services
- Individuals and their families feeling that their needs and priorities are being heard, valued and addressed in an empowering and dignified manner throughout their healing process

- Consistent mental and behavioral health care and support of individuals
- Individuals reaching their goals for healing and recovery
- Individuals engaging and practicing healthful coping strategies needed to help with recovery and healing
- Increased access points to prevention services
- Community-wide support of individuals seeking healthful mental and behavioral services

**And because at an organizational level it will lead to...**

- Collaboration and participation in a comprehensive and cohesive health and human services system.
- Increased ability to recruit and retain clinical, medical and human-service providers and other support staff

**And because at a community level it will lead to...**

- Greater awareness and collaboration of public, private, for profit and non-profit entities focused on building a safe, healthful, and physically active community

**Over time, it is anticipated that the impact of these Strategies and Outcomes will lead to:**

- Overall improved indicators of quality of life
- Increased numbers of healthy people in the community
- Stigma being reduced around help seeking behaviors
- Decreased incidents of abuse and trauma
- Increased recovery from the long-term effects of trauma
- Quality, affordable, and accessible mental health services for all people
- Lower incidents of untreated mental health needs

## 2. REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL SOLICITATION TIMELINE

February 26, 2024	RFP Publically Announced
April 2, 2024	Letter of Inquiry (LOI) Due*
May 13, 2024	Applications Due
June 21, 2024	Grant Awards to be announced

\*Although not required, **LOI's are encouraged!**

All application information and LOI's forms can be found at <http://coppershores.org/grants>

## 3. ELIGIBILITY

To be eligible to apply for a grant under this program, the applicant must:

- Be recognized by the Internal Revenue Service as a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization; or a local unit of government or a public institution of education; (Note: Applicants must be current with their IRS tax exempt organization determination and have a current License to Solicit Charitable Contributions as required, unless exempt under MCL 400.283)
- Be domiciled (incorporated) in Baraga, Houghton, Keweenaw, and/or Ontonagon counties of Michigan and serve the citizens of the same;
- Have filed their most recent 990, 990-EZ or 990-N filing;

- Have a certified financial audit or reviewed financial statements as required by state law; (Note: for all nonprofits with annual gross receipts of \$250k or less CSCHF requests CPA prepared compiled financial statements for their most recently completed fiscal year, and;
- Have adequate and demonstrated organizational capacity to successfully execute the proposed grant, including all reporting requirements.

**TO BE CONSIDERED FOR A GRANT, A PROPOSAL MUST:**

- Mobilize **strategies** that will enhance, expand or create new programs and/or services;
- Identify a clear path to long-term sustainability. (Applicants must demonstrate how the grant activities will be sustained outside of the grant period.)

**APPLICATION EVALUATION CRITERIA:**

CSCHF will evaluate each application on the following criteria:

- Does the proposal objectives support or advance the objectives of this targeted RFP?
- Does the proposal identify an unmet community need/health risk?
- Does the proposal have measurable goals and objectives?
- Does the proposal have a budget that identifies and covers all necessary expenditures?
- Does the proposal identify a plan for sustainability?
- Is there potential to achieve significant long-term impact by implementing effective models or supporting needed innovation;
- Does the proposal demonstrate the use of industry standards, best practices, or science-based methodologies as appropriate;
- Does the proposal demonstrate collaboration, including leveraging other resources; and
- Does the proposal have the potential to be replicated in other settings, including opportunities for learning, knowledge dissemination, and to inform public-policy?

**APPLICATIONS EXCLUDED FROM FUNDING CONSIDERATION:**

- Repayment or securing loans;
- Activities supporting religious organizations for religious purposes;
- Activities supporting political organizations for political purposes;
- Organizations that practice exclusivity based on race, color, religion, sexual orientation, gender, national origin, age, marital or veteran status;
- Proposals in which granted funds will be used to maintain existing program(s) or solely fill a budget-gap for current services; and;
- Individuals or families and for-profit entities

**4. GRANTEE OBLIGATIONS**

If awarded, applicants must agree to:

- Identify CSCHF (and partners if required) as the source of funding in any program communications;
- Set specific outcomes for the proposed program, monitor progress toward achieving expected outcomes, and report progress on a regular basis to CSCHF;
- Participate in any data collection and evaluation activities conducted by the CSCHF and/or its partners;  
and
- Participate in grantee gatherings and other activities that support dissemination of knowledge.

## 5. GRANT AMOUNT

CSCHF expects to award up to \$100,000.00 towards successful proposals under this round of funding. There is no minimum grant amount and the maximum amount awarded per grant under this RFP will be \$25,000.00.

NOTE: The CSCHF Grants Committee and Board of Directors have sole responsibility for all grant decisions.

## 6. APPLICATION PROCESS

Although not required, Copper Shores Community Health Foundation encourages all interested applicants to submit a [Letter of Inquiry](#) (LOI) prior to submitting a grant application. An LOI helps promote a clear understanding, collaboration, and project outcomes between CSCHF and grant applicants.

Please approach the LOI as an abbreviated grant proposal that CSCHF can review to determine if a project matches the funding interests and is suitable for formal grant consideration.

If an applicant has questions, they are encouraged to contact the CSCHF office prior to formal submission of the application or refer to the CSCHF's FAQ section on CSCHF's web page.

All interested parties intending to apply for funding support are encouraged to visit CSCHF's website ([www.coppershores.org](http://www.coppershores.org)) to download an LOI and/or application.

### **Applications can be mailed to:**

Copper Shores Community Health Foundation  
400 Quincy St. - PO Box 299  
Hancock, MI 49930

### **Or submitted via email to:**

[info@coppershores.org](mailto:info@coppershores.org)

## 7. ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

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The Copper Shores Community Health Foundation is a 501(c)(3) charitable organization that receives and contributes charitable donations which support the health needs of the community through enhanced philanthropy and community collaboration throughout Baraga, Houghton, Keweenaw and Ontonagon Counties.