



Small Grants for Mental Health

1. Invitation to Submit Proposal—Purpose

In furthering our mission of integrating mental health into pediatric rheumatology care for JM families, Cure JM is offering small grants of up to \$5,000 to advance mental health care with our Clinical Care Network partners. To that end, whatever you choose to incorporate into your practice should also be shared with, or as an example to, other providers.

2. Eligibility

- You must delineate any additional funding you will use to accomplish your grant objective
- Grantees may be US or internationally based

2. Proposal Submission Details

Please submit a proposal for consideration and review all submission details below:

Email completed proposal to: suzanne.edison@curejm.org.

Submit proposal **no later than 5:00 p.m. (PDT) on August 1, 2022.**

4. Project Purpose and Description

The proposal should outline and detail the following:

- What is the project description—goals and mechanisms for promoting more mental health care for the JM patients and families in your clinic/care
- Who will be the lead PI on the project
- Who else will be involved in the project
- What are the proposed time commitments for the project and for each project member
- Timeline for the project as a whole
- How will the end product be disseminated
- What would be your Next Steps or Future Vision
- What is the Budget for the project

5. Award Amounts and Potential Use of Funds

The Mental Health grants are up to \$5,000 each, with up to 5 possible awards per annum. The award is for a 12-18 month program, with the funds being used for any purpose that would enhance mental health care for your JM patients and families.

6. Strategy Options, though not exclusive or exhaustive, for Enhancing Mental Health care

- Translate MH documents on anxiety, depression, resources, etc. into other needed language(s) However, we won't do this more than once, so whatever translations occur will be disseminated broadly.
- Educational Initiatives for Medical Providers to increase knowledge/expertise with MH issues
- Develop other MH handouts in the clinic for families and patients
- Begin implementing screening tools for depression & anxiety
- Whatever Toolkits are developed need to be shared broadly
- Hire a Social Worker, Psych Fellow, or Psychiatric Nurse on part-time basis to increase MH care

7. Application

All applicants should submit a proposal comprising:

- A 1-page lay summary of the program and its expected outcomes, impact and method of dissemination
- A ½ page timeline of the suggested program with budget and key milestones identified
- A CV/Biosketch of the lead clinician / PI
- A letter of support from the institution—Rheumatology Division Chief or Quality Improvement Director
- Cure JM will accept proposals until the deadline of August 1, 2022

Once a grant proposal is selected:

- Cure JM will negotiate the contract terms and conditions with applicant(s) that submitted the winning proposal
- Cure JM will review performance at the end of the grant period and **require submission of a final report**
- All contractual terms and conditions are subject to review by Cure JM and will include, but are not limited to, scope, budget, schedule and other necessary items pertaining to the project.

Applicants can submit any questions by email to: Suzanne Edison, Mental Health Coordinator suzanne.edison@curejm.org

8. RFP Timeline

August 1, 2022 proposals received

August 2022 (and possibly September) Review Proposals

Notify applicants of acceptance no later than September 15, 2022

September 30 - October 1, 2022 Contracts Finalized

October 1, 2022 Start date