

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 \$10,000 to advance mental health care with our Clinical Care Network partners. To that end, whether you choose an implementation or research strategy, or a combination of these, to incorporate into your practice, they should also be shared with, or provide an example to, other providers.

2. Eligibility

- 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, 2024**.

4. Project Purpose and Description (3-4 pages maximum)

All applicants should submit a proposal comprising:

- 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— A CV/Biosketch of the lead clinician / PI
- Who else will be involved in the project
- A letter of support from the institution—Rheumatology Division Chief or Quality Improvement Director
- What are the proposed **time commitments** for the project and for each project member
- A ½ page **timeline** of the suggested program with **Budget** and **Key Milestones** identified. The award **does not** provide for indirect costs. Award funding may be used for **salary support, consumable supplies, equipment, dissemination**, etc. Feel free to use a budget form of your own or detail it out in a chart.
- How will the end product be **disseminated**
- What would be your **Next Steps** or Future Vision
- A **1-page lay summary** of the program and its expected outcomes, impact and method of dissemination

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5. Award Amounts and Potential Use of Funds

The Mental Health grants are up to \$10,000 each, with up to 2-3 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
- Please check with us to see if the work you are proposing has already been done elsewhere.

7. Grant Process

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.**
- **Final Report** including a full financial and progress report is required within 60 days after the end of the grant period. Both annual and final reports are required to include an expenditure report detailing how the award has been spent. A layperson summary (200-300 words) of major accomplishments and relevance to JM patients shall accompany the 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

- Application deadline August 1, 2024
- Anticipated date for notification of awards October 31, 2024
- Anticipated funding begins January 2025