

## MICRO-GRANT PROGRAM

**RELEASE DATE: MARCH 5, 2018**

Beacon intends to distribute a total of \$75,000 in individual grants (up to \$20,000 each) to local grassroots organizations serving Skamania County residents to help expand the role of volunteer and/or peer-led services for individuals experiencing mental illness and their families.

The purpose of the micro-grant program is to give one-time funding boosts to one or more organizations doing important work to help individuals with mental illness and their families get the services they need to prevent or receive proactive resolution to mental health crisis situations.

The goal is that this funding will help increase capacity for these important services that could be continued in the future through sustainable funding sources.

**Eligible Activities:** Costs associated with start-up, training, mental health stigma reducing programs, volunteer counseling services, peer-led crisis response services, crisis respite services, school-based suicide awareness and prevention services, mental health first aid training for first responders, such as volunteer firefighters, emergency medical service (EMS) workers, forest rangers, etc.

**Ineligible Activities:** Salaries, construction, large equipment, capital investments, and paying off debt are not acceptable means of spending the funding.

### **Eligible Applicants:**

- Must be an organization and not an individual
- Serving residents in Skamania County
- Serving individuals with mental illness and/or their families

## REQUIRED REPORTING

Beacon will collect the following data from grant recipients to monitor the progress and success of the micro grant program:

1. Number of clients served, average length of participation and average number of contacts per individual or family supported, quarterly.
2. Client engagement summary, of those referred, portion of families who declined to participate, portion unable to contact, and portion who attained maximum benefit, quarterly.
3. Summary of satisfaction survey results, annually.

**Maximum award amount: \$75,000 (up to \$20,000 each award)**

**Application Deadline: April 6, 2018.** Please submit responses to the following email address: BeaconWAASO@beaconhealthoptions.com. Faxed or mailed applications will not be accepted.

For questions regarding the application process or program, please contact Leah Becknell at BeaconWAASO@beaconhealthoptions.com.