

# THE WELD TRUST

## SPRING 2020 REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS (RFP) – COMMUNITY HEALTH AND EDUCATION GRANTS PROGRAM

### Granting Priorities

Reflecting its purpose of promoting health and education for the residents of Weld County, The Weld Trust requests proposals for innovative projects that address the **current priorities and goals identified by The Weld Trust Board of Directors.**

### **The Weld Trust Funding Priorities:**

1. **Indigent Healthcare**

*Initiatives that reduce mortality and illness in Weld County for those individuals who may not have the ability to pay for services, including those experiencing homelessness.*

2. **Chronic Disease**

*Initiatives that reduce the number of Weld County residents diagnosed with chronic disease and reduce morbidity, including for those with diabetes.*

3. **Substance Use Disorders**

*Initiatives that decrease deaths from substance use disorders including those struggling with opioids.*

4. **Suicide Prevention & Mental Health Interventions**

*Initiatives that actively intervene with those contemplating ending their own life and those that provide intervention with debilitating mental illness.*

5. **Education Initiatives**

*Initiatives that promote educational outcomes for learners of any age in an innovative manner.*

In addition, The Weld Trust gives priority to projects that:

- Address underlying social and economic challenges contributing to poor health and education outcomes in the communities served, such as poverty, lack of access to healthy foods, or barriers to effective education.
- Extend past individual behavior or *program* related services by modifying policies, systems and environments to help make healthy options practical and readily available.
- Demonstrate collaboration among sectors, including public health, government, education, healthcare, etc. and among multiple nonprofit agencies/institutions/departments/governmental entities.
- Prioritize engagement of residents from the communities served.
- Adhere to existing and documented evidence-based best practices or promising practices.
- Leverage additional funding as well as community assets.
- Provide an established plan for evaluation including measurable outcomes.

### Guidelines

Eligible applicants must be tax-exempt organizations under Internal Revenue Service 501(c)(3) or operate under the fiscal sponsorship of a tax-exempt non-profit, including schools and public organizations. School and government programs in the areas of health and education are eligible to apply.

PLEASE NOTE: Only programs or services who deliver services in Weld County are eligible for funding. Funding, if offered, will expressly restrict use of funds to provision of services to Weld County residents.

### **How to Apply**

Interested applicants must submit a letter of inquiry form (LOI) on or before February 06, 2020 at 4:00 p.m. **Please do not submit a full proposal unless invited to do so.** If the LOI is accepted, an application form will be made available. Those invited to submit a full proposal will be notified in mid-February 2020. Completed applications with supporting documents will then be submitted to The Weld Trust on or before March 10, 2020, at 4:00p.m. Final grant decisions will be announced in early May 2020.

### **Letter of Intent Content and Parameters:**

Please make your LOI no longer than two pages.

Clearly state the name of your organization or group, name of your Director or Leader, and contact information.

Affirm that yours is a Nonprofit Organization as determined by the IRS or operate under the fiscal sponsorship of a tax-exempt nonprofit, including schools and public organizations.

State the intended service provision to include intended outcomes and funding level requested.

Affirm that the request falls within one or more of the stated funding priorities noted above.

Affirm that all activities for which you are seeking funding will be serving the people of Weld County, Colorado.

*Please note that the senior leader for an Applicant Organization such as CEO, President, Superintendent, Provost, Executive Director, etc. will be required to submit a Letter of Support along with the full proposal should an invitation for such be extended.*

### **Contact Information**

For more information concerning The Weld Trust Community Health and Education Grants Program, please contact:

*Health-related Grants:* Kyle Holman [kyle.holman@bannerhealth.com](mailto:kyle.holman@bannerhealth.com)

*Education-related Grants:* Jeff Carlson [jeff.carlson@ncmcinc.org](mailto:jeff.carlson@ncmcinc.org) or (970) 810-6052

If your grant request will be a combination of these areas, please feel free to reach out to either.