



2021 Community Grant Proposal Guidelines

Our grant awards are for charitable projects, programs, symposiums, focused capital projects and initiatives that directly impact the health and well-being of individuals in Central and MetroWest Massachusetts. In Fall 2021, our grants will range in size between \$2,500 and \$20,000, depending on alignment with our focus areas and scope of the non-profit program.

Our focus is on health and wellness initiatives that address critical public health issues. Programs that target recovery from substance use disorder (primarily the opioid epidemic) and mental health and/or behavioral health support for children and youth will be given top priority.

Additionally, we will consider collaborations and programs aligned with the following CHIPs (Community Health Improvement Plans): Worcester, MetroWest, North Central and Greater Milford and/or the priorities of the Community Health Network Areas (CHNAs) within our service area*.

Your organization must be a non-profit, tax-exempt 501(c)3 organization based in our service area* in order to apply for a grant. Organizations without tax-exempt status may apply through an established non-profit, tax-exempt organization that agrees to provide fiscal oversight. No grants will be made directly to individuals, public or for-profit businesses.

The following types of requests will not be considered: Sponsorships, field trips, pageants, sports teams, PTA/PTO requests, or requests that support a single individual.

We are open to making personal site visits to your charity and/or program if time allows. Please call (508) 231-4663 or email foundation@reliantfoundation.org to request a visit, if we have not already made one within the past 12 months. Alternatively, we welcome the opportunity to schedule a time when we can speak to you over the phone or plan a brief Zoom meeting.

Please send letters of inquiry or full proposals to:

Kelsa Zereski
President

Reliant Foundation, Inc.
311 Main St., Suite 202
Worcester, MA 01608

or to: foundation@reliantfoundation.org

* Please refer to the service area map on Page 4.

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PROPOSAL GUIDELINES

Deadlines – proposals from non-profit 501(c)3 organizations requesting funding from the Reliant Foundation **must be received by 4:30 pm on October 1, 2021**, for consideration during our 2021 grant review period. We currently have one grant cycle annually.

Proposals that conform to all guidelines are typically considered within six (6) weeks after the proposal submission deadline. Please consider mailing or emailing your proposal in early so that we have ample time to review it.

1. Prepare a one-page cover letter that includes the complete name of your organization, a brief summary of your request and the amount you are requesting. This letter should be signed by the Executive Director or President of your organization.
2. Please include contact information, including a phone number and email address, for the individual who should be notified of our committee's decision, especially if different from the individual who signs your letter of request.
3. Your written proposal should be no fewer than one (1) and no more than four (4) typed pages and should include the following information, or answer the following questions:
 - a. State the name of the project, program or initiative. What public health-related needs or challenges does this effort address in our service area?
 - b. How does your project, program, service, symposium, or initiative relate to the Reliant Foundation's mission and focus on the following critical areas of public health?
 - i. Prevention, education, treatment and/or recovery support to address substance use disorder (primarily the opioid epidemic)
 - ii. Strengthening mental health, behavioral health, and/or trauma-informed programs and services for children and youth in our service area?
 - c. Is your grant request aligned with a CHIP (Community Health Improvement Plan) or CHNA (Community Health Network Area) priority area? If so, what focus area of the CHIP or CHNA does your proposal address?
 - d. How many individuals or families do you hope to reach through your efforts? What is the age group you intend to serve?
 - e. Offer some brief information about your typical constituents, the geographic communities you are supporting, and any collaborative partners involved with your proposal.

- f. If you have volunteers assisting you with this project, program or initiative, please include an estimate on the number of volunteer hours being donated.
 - g. What are the projected goals or outcomes of this effort? Please list at least two.
 - h. How will you measure your success?
 - i. Explain how this project, program, service, or initiative might sustain itself in future years if it receives funding.
4. Please include the following items with your cover letter and proposal (electronic copies may be emailed to foundation@reliantfoundation.org):
- a.) a one (1) page budget for your project, program, symposium, scholarship, focused capital project or initiative
 - b.) a list of your current Board of Directors
 - c.) a copy of your official 501(c)3 letter
 - d.) a copy of your most recent audited financial statement
 - e.) a copy of your most recent annual report
 - f.) a list of any previous grants your organization has received from the Reliant Foundation (formerly Reliant Medical Group Foundation) in the last five years. Please list the grant amounts and dates received.
5. Send one copy of your completed cover letter and proposal, with one copy of the other accompanying items requested to:
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6. Late or incomplete submissions will not be considered. Materials submitted after the deadline may be considered in the next application cycle in 2022.
7. Notice of the Charitable Grants Committee’s decision is typically made in writing within six (6) to eight (8) weeks of our stated proposal deadline.
8. **A brief report giving updates and initial outcomes within six months of the grant award letter date is required in order to qualify for future funding. You may find more information on the report that is required on our website under the Grants section.**

Please note: Applications that do not conform to the guidelines listed above are not likely to be considered. Please see the service area map on the following page to see if your charity is eligible to apply.

RELIANT FOUNDATION SERVICE AREA MAP

