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# **Peaceful Pathways: Reducing Exposure to Violence**

*A Special Solicitation  
from Robert Wood  
Johnson Foundation  
Local Funding  
Partnerships  
to Diversity  
Focused Funders*

## **2009 Call for Proposals—Special Solicitation**

### **Proposal Deadline**

Proposals may be submitted at any time throughout 2009.

## **Program Overview**

### ***Peaceful Pathways: Reducing Exposure to Violence***

(Please refer to specific sections for complete details.)

#### **Purpose**

Through this special solicitation from *Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Local Funding Partnerships*, the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation partners with diversity focused funders and other local grantmakers to fund projects to reduce violence in specific communities such as those defined by race, ethnicity, tribe, gender, sexual identity or rural/frontier location.

#### **Eligibility Criteria (page 5)**

- Projects must be new, community-based and culturally appropriate, reflecting how language skills, significant cultural differences, education, income and discrimination affect health outcomes. Community members should be engaged in planning and leadership.
- Applicants must be nominated by a diversity focused funder that is principally concerned with the population to be served. The additional funding partners may come from independent and private foundations, family and community foundations, and corporate and other philanthropies.
- All the local funding partners must be willing to work with grantees to obtain sufficient dollar-for-dollar matching funds throughout the grant period.
- Matching funds must represent new funding specifically designated to support the proposed project. Up to 25 percent of the match may consist of in-kind services.
- Projects must work to reduce violence in the context of a specific community and use that community's strengths and assets to address any threatening or violent behavior that results in emotional, psychological or physical harm. For example, eligible projects may concern intimate partner violence, child or elder abuse, gang activity or post-war trauma. Projects may relate to violence between family members or strangers, individuals or groups; in public or private settings.

#### **Selection Criteria (page 10)**

Selection criteria are described on page 10. Additional details may be found on the program's Web site (noted below).

#### **Total Awards**

- Up to \$1 million is available for the 2009 grant cycle.
- Up to eight matching grants of between \$50,000 to \$200,000 each will be awarded.

#### **Key Dates and Deadlines**

- Optional applicant conference calls may be scheduled. Information will be posted at [www.localfundingpartnerships.org](http://www.localfundingpartnerships.org) under How to Apply.
- Proposals may be submitted at any time throughout 2009.
- Submitted proposals will be processed for review on the following dates:
  - **May 1, 2009**
  - **September 1, 2009**
  - **January 5, 2010**

#### **How to Apply (page 11)**

All proposals must be submitted through the Local Funding Partnerships online system.

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## Background

Across America, violence is too often an obstacle on the pathways to good health. There are many blocked paths: from a child who suffers depression because of abuse in his or her home, to a diabetic grandmother who cannot walk to the store because of an unsafe environment, to a homeless veteran who is too emotionally scarred to keep a job.

Given the emergence of community-based focus funds created by people who share common places, experiences, language and culture, the *Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Local Funding Partnerships* program has identified this new partnership opportunity. In order to create lasting collaborations to root innovative and sustainable solutions in these diverse communities, this special solicitation, *Peaceful Pathways: Reducing Exposure to Violence*, seeks to increase well-being and improve health by removing the obstacles caused by violence.

### *Improving Health by Meeting People Where They Are.*

The mission of the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation (RWJF) is to improve the health and health care of all Americans. Through its Vulnerable Populations Portfolio—the Foundation supports programs that identify new approaches for improved health by recognizing the critical relationship between our health and where and how we live, work, learn and play. Whether working in a day-care center, a school, a jail, at home or on the street, RWJF seeks to fund programs to improve health where it happens.

Acknowledging that factors such as violence, poverty, inadequate housing and education contribute to poor health, Vulnerable Populations grantees find pragmatic, innovative ways to make better health possible in the context of difficult life circumstances. These programs approach health differently, changing the way we look at problems and opportunities to deliver real improvements in quality of life and health.

### *Recognize Potential, Give It Roots, Keep It Growing.*

Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Local Funding Partnerships (LFP) is a national program that supports an array of innovative projects and leverages the power of partnership to address community health needs. LFP recognizes that distinct health issues challenge communities across the country each day and identifies programs that offer ambitious approaches to solve those challenges.

LFP Special Solicitations, such as the one described in this call for proposals, provide diversity focused funders with an additional opportunity to leverage matching dollars from RWJF to support new projects that improve the health of specific under-resourced communities. This program awards matching grants of \$50,000–\$200,000, is limited to a single topic and accepts proposals throughout the year.

### *Why Focus on Violence?*

Discovering new pathways to better health for the most vulnerable among us includes addressing behaviors that endanger the peace and safety of individuals, families and communities. Violent behavior can stand in the way of better health for people from all walks of life, age, income levels, education or country of origin.

RWJF Local Funding Partnerships seeks practical strategies and solutions brought forth by local funders and organizations to increase community peace and safety, foster resiliency and build upon individual and group strengths, assets, wisdom, compassion and skills in order to address violence as a serious health problem. These include programs related to the impact of intentional and unintentional violent behavior in their common places: homes, schools, work sites and other community settings. Such programs may address the needs of individuals, families or communities including coming together for common causes: such as stopping intimate partner violence, child or elder abuse, gang violence or post-war trauma. This special solicitation aims to form uncommon connections and collaborations, specifically within diverse populations, improving health where it's happening in our communities.

Complete information about this special solicitation, *Peaceful Pathways: Reducing Exposure to Violence*—as well as information about the LFP Annual Grantmaking call for proposals—may also be found on the program's Web site at [www.localfundingpartnerships.org](http://www.localfundingpartnerships.org).

### **About This Special Solicitation**

Between 2009 and 2011 RWJF Local Funding Partnerships will offer special solicitations to partner with grantmakers and nonprofits who focus their funding on the needs of a specific under-resourced community of people. In 2009 *Peaceful Pathways* will fund up to eight projects for up to three years within diverse communities that employ community strengths and assets to reduce exposure to violence. Up to \$1 million will be awarded through this special solicitation. Proposals under LFP Special Solicitations will be accepted throughout the year.

LFP Special Solicitations provide matching grants of between \$50,000 and \$200,000 per project. The grant will be paid out in increments over a period of up to three years. During that time, at least 75 percent of the award must be matched dollar for dollar by local grantmakers. In-kind contributions may be used to match up to 25 percent of the total award. The applicant organization must be nominated by a diversity focused funder, but over the life of the grant RWJF encourages multiple local funders to work together to help the project grow.

Complete Eligibility Criteria can be found starting below.

The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation recognizes that the quality of health is connected to the quality of life. While violent behavior is not confined by economic class, language or location, certain populations are at higher risk of injury and harm. They include communities of color; immigrants; people who identify themselves as lesbian, gay, bisexual, or transgender; people isolated because of their racial, tribal or ethnic group and people who live in remote rural or frontier locations.

RWJF invites diversity focused grantmaking organizations to recommend projects for these funding partnerships. Such grantmakers may include community foundations representing donor-advised and field-of-interest funds; independent, family and private foundations; giving circles and affinity groups; and other focused philanthropies.

This special solicitation is open to projects that address behaviors that cause emotional or physical harm. Project examples include the following:

- Eligible projects may relate to interpersonal or public violence, to the behavior of gangs or individuals, or to the experience of war or of family violence.
- Projects may serve any age, from the youngest children to the most senior members of a community.
- Prevention programs are eligible as are projects designed to help people affected as victims, witnesses or perpetrators.
- Projects may address hate crimes, bias or abuse in the workplace or in public, nonprofit or private agencies.
- Projects may address threats or endangerment from strangers or from persons well known to the victim, as well as sexual violence or intimate partner violence.
- Projects that deal creatively with conflict and anger, that strengthen communities by identifying risk and protective factors, and that create immediate, practical solutions to improve health and quality of life are also eligible.

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## Eligibility Criteria

To be considered for funding through the RWJF Local Funding Partnerships, each proposal must include the following parties:

1. An eligible **nominating funder** who will propose a funding partnership with RWJF to support a proposed project of a local nonprofit organization; and
2. A nonprofit **applicant organization** classified as tax-exempt under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

Additionally:

- Projects must be new, community-based and culturally appropriate, reflecting how language skills, significant cultural differences, education, income and discrimination affect health outcomes. Community members should be engaged in planning and leadership.
- Applicants must be nominated by a diversity focused funder that is principally concerned with the population to be served. The additional funding partners may come from independent and private foundations, family and community foundations, and corporate and other philanthropies.
- All the local funding partners must be willing to work with grantees to obtain sufficient dollar-for-dollar matching funds throughout the grant period.
- Matching funds must represent new funding specifically designated to support the proposed project. Up to 25 percent of the match may be in in-kind services.
- Projects must work to reduce violence in the context of a specific community and use that community's strengths and assets to address any threatening or violent behavior that results in emotional, psychological or physical harm. For example, eligible projects may concern intimate partner violence, child or elder abuse, gang activity or post-war trauma. Projects may relate to violence between family members or strangers, individuals or groups; in public or private settings.

#### *Eligible Nominating Funders*

To nominate projects for this funding partnership, a grantmaking organization must be tax-exempt under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. Any grantmaking entity may help support the proposed project as a funding partner, but a nominating funder must be a diversity focused funder. These funders typically focus their support on projects in communities that are underserved by mainstream philanthropy: such as certain racial, ethnic and tribal communities, as well as groups defined by gender, by sexual identity or by an isolated rural location.

Diversity focused funds may be structured as donor-advised funds, field-of-interest funds, designated funds, ethnic funds, endowed funds, diversity funds, special interest funds or giving circles. They may be independent funds or affiliated within traditional philanthropies such as community foundations. In this case, the letter of nomination may come from the community foundation on behalf of the focused fund. Similarly a corporate foundation may nominate a project on behalf of an employee affinity fund.

Typically these grantmaking organizations function in partnership with their communities and are committed to supporting the work of community-based nonprofit organizations. They award grants based on community needs, gain buy-in on the part of community members, and often support projects that mainstream institutions do not fund. Such funders may represent donors who share a specific charitable interest in their own under-resourced or underserved community. Examples might include a women's giving circle, a rural funders' collaborative, an immigrant mutual aid society or a cultural heritage organization.

Diversity focused funders may be the first to identify critical health or health care problems in their communities. They may readily engage community members in creating and implementing effective solutions that build upon their linguistic and cultural assets, strengths and resources. These grantmakers can help to ensure that support goes where the community itself places its highest priorities.

We welcome nominations from grantmakers whose leadership includes members of the community to be served.

The nominating funder must be ready to participate as one of the local grantmakers and to work with the grantee to help obtain sufficient matching funds and technical assistance throughout the grant period. The nominating funder will be RWJF's primary contact and should serve as liaison with any other local funding partners.

### *Eligible Applicants*

The applicant organization must be the entity that will assume leadership in implementing the grant-funded project. Applicants must be nonprofit organizations that are tax-exempt under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. Typically the applicant is not primarily a grantmaking organization and it cannot be classified as a private foundation under IRS Section 509(a).

To be eligible, an applicant organization must demonstrate the fiscal capacity to manage the funds. The grant award must not exceed 50 percent of the organization's annual budget. An applicant may partner with a larger organization that has an established administrative infrastructure. In that case, the larger nonprofit may serve as the applicant organization. For example, a community foundation may be eligible to apply on behalf of a special group operating under the umbrella of the philanthropy.

Applicants should be active in the community to be served and engage members of the community in planning and leadership.

We welcome applicant organizations with knowledge of and commitment to the specific group to be served with respect to language, history and culture. Such organizations should demonstrate understanding of diversity within the group, as well as the characteristics that may separate members from other cultures or neighborhoods. We are especially interested in organizations with proven experience in building partnerships between their respective communities and outside groups.

*Those not eligible for funding through this solicitation include:*

- Large organizations such as universities and their foundations, medical centers and their foundations, and United Way organizations;
- Organizations focused solely on a specific health condition, disease or disability; and
- Organizations funded previously or currently by RWJF unless the new project is demonstrably different from the originally funded program.

#### ***Eligible Projects***

To be considered for LFP funding under this special solicitation, projects must be new and community-based. The project must serve a specific community such as a group that has been set apart or disadvantaged because of race, ethnicity, tribe, gender, sexual identity, rural/frontier location or other distinct characteristic.

We welcome projects that present original program elements, that offer a pragmatic solution to a clearly identified local problem and that create meaningful and timely change by addressing health in the context of where and how people live, work or play. We are especially interested in proposals from collaborative groups that propose fundamental changes in how agencies cooperate to deliver better services.

In 2009 the program will fund projects that work to reduce violence in the context of a specific, vulnerable community. RWJF seeks practical strategies to increase community peace and safety, foster resiliency and build upon individual and group strengths, assets, wisdom, compassion and skills in order to address violence as a serious health problem.

So that proposals will reflect the priorities of the designated community, there is great latitude in the definition of violence. For example, programs may relate to the impact of intentional or unintentional violent behavior in homes, schools, work sites, neighborhoods or other public or private settings. Such programs may address threats or actions resulting in emotional, psychological or physical harm including intimate partner violence, child or elder abuse, gang activity or post-war trauma. They may concern violence between family members or strangers, individuals or groups.

We are especially interested in projects that look realistically at underlying causes of violence for a particular group; then address those systems and issues in a culturally appropriate way considering how language skills, significant cultural differences, education, income and discrimination affect health outcomes.

Programs that provide access to medical care—such as the start-up of community health centers and clinics, mobile vans and school-based health centers—are not likely to be competitive, nor are proposals that focus on a single health condition, illness or disability. If a project falls under a topic that is comprehensively addressed by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation through another team—such as childhood obesity or health insurance coverage—it will not be considered for an LFP grant.

### *Eligible Matching Funds*

Over the duration of the grant (up to three years maximum), RWJF encourages multiple donors and funders to work together to help the project grow and to invest resources in the community to be served.

- All matching funds must represent new funding specifically designated to support the proposed project.
- In-kind services may be used to match up to 25 percent of the award under this special solicitation.
- Funds raised for capital costs, renovations or endowment are not eligible as matching funds.

The nominating funder must represent a diversity focused fund that is principally concerned with the population to be served. Please note: additional funding partners may come from other grantmaking organizations such as independent and private foundations, family and community foundations, corporate foundations and other philanthropies.

City, county or state funds may be considered as an additional source of matching dollars along with philanthropic support. In that situation, applicants must clearly document that these are new public funds, designated solely for this project.

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## Selection Criteria

Criteria used to assess projects include:

- Description of the specific vulnerable population to be served including the needs and strengths of the community, numbers of people to be served, and the role of history, culture and location.
- Presentation of the violent behavior to be addressed, specifically explaining the impact of such violence within the context of the community to be served.
- Clarity and practicality of the proposed intervention including anticipated effectiveness, original program elements and potential to change any current system.
- Cultural appropriateness of the proposed strategy, including how it leverages the community's own characteristic strengths and resources.
- Evidence that members of the population to be served have been involved in the development and leadership of the project and that the project reflects knowledge and understanding about the community.
- Active engagement of the nominating funder and any other local grantmakers including how they became involved and what their role has been.
- Capacity of the organization to implement the proposed project and manage grant funds.
- A reasonable and cost-efficient budget.
- Potential for the project to sustain and be valued within the community.
- RWJF does not fund international programs.

In keeping with RWJF standards, we will fund projects comprising a group of grantees diverse in location and type of organization.

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## Evaluation and Monitoring

All applicants are asked to include plans for assessing the success of their projects. Grantees will be expected to work with the LFP national program office to adopt consistent methods for assessing particular outcomes.

Grantees are expected to meet RWJF requirements for the submission of narrative and financial reports. Grantees are also required to submit periodic information as needed for overall project performance monitoring and management. Project directors will be asked to attend periodic meetings and give progress reports on their grants. At the close of each grant, the lead agency is expected to provide a written report on the project and its findings suitable for wide dissemination.

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## Use of Grant Funds

Grant funds may be used for direct project expenses such as project staff salaries, consultant fees, data collection and analysis, meetings, supplies, and project-related travel. Grant funds may be used for contracts related specifically to implementation of the project.

Grant funds may not be used for general operating funds, organizational capacity building or capital expenditures, re-granting, fundraising, endowments or scholarships.

Research studies and community assessments will not be funded through this program.

In keeping with RWJF policy, grant funds may not be used to subsidize individuals for the costs of their health care; to pay for medication, eyeglasses or personal care items; to support clinical trials of unapproved drugs or devices; to construct or renovate facilities or for lobbying.

Once a project is selected, RWJF grant funds are disbursed in increments over the period of the grant; the total is not delivered in one sum. Funded grantees will submit a budget for each year of the grant that shows how much of their RWJF award they plan to spend that year. Awards under *Peaceful Pathways: Reducing Exposure to Violence* may be for up to three years.

At the beginning of each year the Foundation requires written confirmation of the resources to match that year's payments. Sufficient dollars must be authorized by local funding partners to match at least 75 percent, with the remainder in in-kind services valued up to 25 percent of that year's payments.

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## How to Apply

*All proposals must be submitted through the Local Funding Partnerships online system.* For information on how to complete an application and upload required documents, please go to [www.localfundingpartnerships.org](http://www.localfundingpartnerships.org). Detailed instructions are available under How to Apply: LFP Special Solicitation.

Applications for matching grants under LFP Special Solicitation must represent a project that concentrates on the health or health care needs of a *specific community of people*, i.e. those for whom traditional health and social services are insufficient because of barriers related to race, ethnicity, tribe, gender, sexual identity, rural/frontier location or other distinct characteristic.

### ***Proposal Requirements***

Instructions and templates for the required submission documents are provided via the online application. The following items are required:

1. Letter of Nomination from a Diversity Focused Funder
2. Executive Summary of the Proposed Project (one page)
3. Proposal Narrative (5–8 page maximum, double-spaced)
4. Project Timeline
5. Project Budget
6. Budget Narrative

You may also include:

- Letters from additional Funding Partners
- Letters of Community Partnership and Support

Further explanation of each of these items is posted at [www.localfundingpartnerships.org](http://www.localfundingpartnerships.org).

*A local grantmaker who is a diversity focused funder* must prepare an original **letter of nomination** recommending the local applicant's project. The letter should affirm the grantmaker's endorsement of the initiative and intention to work with the applicant and all potential funding partners to obtain the funding necessary to match RWJF funds.

Please include information about the nature of the funder's grantmaking specifically related to diversity focused funding in the community to be served. We also welcome information regarding the nominating funder's involvement with the development of this initiative, with the applicant agency, with other local coalition partners and with other interested local funders.

The letter of nomination should include the name and address of the local applicant and the name, telephone number and e-mail address of the contact person at the grantmaking organization.

The *local applicant* for grant funds, in consultation with the nominating funder, must prepare a **proposal narrative** written in a question-and-answer format, answering the following questions in the following order. *The total narrative—including the answers to all six questions—is not to exceed eight pages. The document should be **double-spaced**, with at least a one-inch margin on all four sides of each page.*

**1. How would this project improve health and well-being in your community by reducing exposure to violence?**

Clearly describe the community to be served, the disruptive, violent behavior to be addressed and the specific intervention you propose. Explain the relationship in the program between the community organizations and providers of services that will be involved and the residents of the community. State the project's goals and objectives and include what you would consider to be indications of the project's success in your community.

**2. How have your nominating funder and any other local funding partners been involved in the development of this proposal?**

Discuss the connection of your nominating funder to this community and in what ways this grantmaking organization meets the criteria of a diversity focused funder. Describe how the nominating funder and any other grantmakers became aware of this initiative and how they have been involved as your plans progressed. Indicate any experience they may have or interest they have shown in working on concerns about violence in the community.

- List all grantmakers who have expressed interest in supporting this project. In addition, you may submit letters of support from any or all of these funders. Please note: while the nominating funder must represent a diversity focused fund, additional funding partners may come from any type of grantmaking organization.

**3. How will collaboration with other organizations help to achieve the goals of your project?**

Explain how different groups—from within and outside of the community—will work together on this project. Include any ways in which you are already working together, as well as any roles or responsibilities you expect specific groups to assume in order to implement your plan. How are decisions made amongst the partners? How much experience do various partners have in working with the residents of this community?

- List all organizations with whom you expect to partner on this project. In addition, you may submit letters of community support from any or all of these groups.

**4. How was this program developed, identified or selected by your community and how does it fit the culture and dynamics of the individuals and neighborhoods it will serve?**

Briefly describe the origins of this model—whether it is a new concept, or whether it has been adapted or adopted from another place or group. Be sure to include any elements that are new or innovative and explain how the

plan leverages the community's own strengths and resources. Clarify what it is about the program that responds to the specific culture of this community and how it may be appropriate for diverse members of the community.

**5. What assets will the applicant organization employ in order to implement this project at this time?**

Briefly relate the history of the organization and its experience in the community to be served. Note where it is located, the annual budget and the source of its operating funds. Describe current leadership, current staffing levels (paid and volunteer) and the role of any governing board. Demonstrate the strengths and resources the agency brings to this project and note the impact this additional work may have on current operations or future plans.

**6. Is there any additional information you wish to share?**

If the applicant was previously or is currently receiving funds from RWJF, the proposal must clearly describe the difference between this proposed project and the project funded earlier. If any other proposal has been submitted to RWJF to support this project, report the status of that application.

The *project timeline* may be presented as a chart and should reflect the major milestones of project activity throughout the one, two or three years of the grant. Some activities may encompass an entire year, and some may be one-time-only activities. The projected timeline should also indicate when you expect goals or outcomes would be achieved. The project timeline is *not* included in the eight-page limit of the project narrative. To see a sample project timeline, go to [www.localfundingpartnerships.org](http://www.localfundingpartnerships.org) under How to Apply: Special Solicitation.

The *preliminary budget* should:

- begin with a one-page total consolidated budget of the project;
- be followed by a one-page budget for each year of the grant.

Please use a columnar format and include the funds anticipated from RWJF, matching grants and any other revenues. To see a sample budget, go to [www.localfundingpartnerships.org](http://www.localfundingpartnerships.org) under How to Apply: Special Solicitation.

The *online application* requires contact information for the applicant and the nominating grantmaker. Please note that the individuals named as “contact” should be accessible by e-mail and able to respond promptly.

Questions may be directed at any time to the LFP program office staff listed on page 15.

### *Proposal Review*

Proposals for the LFP Special Solicitation *Peaceful Pathways* may be submitted at any time throughout 2009. Submitted proposals will be reviewed periodically and applicants will be notified whether or not their proposals are moving forward for further consideration. Applicants selected for continued review will be asked for additional information regarding the applicant's organizational capacity, community and funder engagement, and specific project objectives, budget and timeline. Grants will then only be awarded after any requests for additional information have been satisfied, objectives and budget are agreed upon, and the first year's matching funds are confirmed. The foundation does not provide critiques of individual proposals.

### **Program Direction**

Direction and technical assistance are provided by the LFP program office, located at:

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## Timetable

Optional applicant conference calls may be scheduled during the year. Information will be posted at [www.localfundingpartnerships.org](http://www.localfundingpartnerships.org) under How to Apply.

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- May 1, 2009
- September 1, 2009
- January 5, 2010

**Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Local Funding Partnerships (LFP) is a national program office of the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation (RWJF) and directs two grantmaking programs:**

**LFP Special Solicitations** offer a new grant opportunity through Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Local Funding Partnerships (LFP). Under LFP Special Solicitations, the Foundation will partner with diversity focused funders to support new projects that improve the health of specific under-resourced communities. The first grants will be awarded in 2009 and will provide matching grants of \$50,000–\$200,000 to fund projects that address issues of safety and well-being and reduce exposure to violence. Proposals are accepted throughout the year and application details may be found in this brochure.

**LFP Annual Grantmaking** offers a call for proposals each spring with a single deadline date in early July. The Foundation awards matching grants of \$200,000–\$500,000 to collaborate with local funders to support promising, original projects so better health can take root in our communities. The annual LFP grantmaking program has been in existence since 1988. For more information on the types of innovative proposals that are eligible, please visit the program's Web site at [www.localfundingpartnerships.org](http://www.localfundingpartnerships.org).

## About the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation

The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation focuses on the pressing health and health care issues facing our country. As the nation's largest philanthropy devoted exclusively to improving the health and health care of all Americans, we work with a diverse group of organizations and individuals to identify solutions and achieve comprehensive, meaningful and timely change.

For more than 35 years we've brought experience, commitment and a rigorous, balanced approach to the problems that affect the health and health care of those we serve. When it comes to helping Americans lead healthier lives and get the care they need, we expect to make a difference in your lifetime.

For more information visit [www.rwjf.org](http://www.rwjf.org).

Sign up to receive e-mail alerts on upcoming calls for proposals at [www.rwjf.org/services](http://www.rwjf.org/services).



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