Request for Initial Proposal Ideas

ACR-JAMS Foundation Partnership
Year One – 2015-2016
(Passed by ACR Board on May 20, 2015)

ACR is pleased to announce this Request for Initial Proposal Ideas for the 2015 funding cycle of the ACR/JAMS partnership in supporting Conflict Resolution Education. The mission of the ACR/JAMS partnership is summarized below.

> Mission: The population to be served by the funding streams will be (1) youth in preK-12 age range and/or (2) adults working with these youth populations in ways that directly transfer CRE skills for adults to the youth populations.
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> Funding Contexts: The contexts for projects may be a variety of contexts including community, schools, alternative education (online education, charter schools, after school programs), government (juvenile justice facilities, courts) and NGO settings. While some proposals may be able to secure and guarantee access to or cooperation from traditional K-12 school districts/schools, we are excited by opportunity to support possible funding of CRE work from other contexts. Thus, projects in pre-K-12 schools will be considered but emphasis will be on projects outside that context.

RFP Topic Area: The funding focus for the 2015 funding cycle is to support projects that advance the <u>development, implementation, and/or assessment of conflict resolution education serving special needs youth populations in formal or informal educational contexts</u>.

Projected Funding Parameters and Criteria for the 2015 Funding Cycle

- The JAMS Foundation estimates awarding up to $100,000 in new awards for the 2015 funding cycle based on ACR review and recommendations. ACR will also monitor grant progress post-award.

- Requests for funding can range from $15,000 to $50,000 per year of funding. In special circumstances projects requesting more than $50,000 per year may be considered. We are looking to recommend a small number of high quality projects with proven impact and the potential of regional and national impact upon completion.

- The proposed projects can be one or two year projects, but decisions on funding for a second year will always be contingent on evidence of benchmark accomplishments at the end of the first year of funding.

- Preference for funding is given for Development and Innovation projects – bringing exciting new ideas to fruition. A secondary emphasis is on Expansion grants that enable an already developed pilot project to be taken to national rollout.

- Eligible organizations include nonprofit 501(c)3 organizations, educational institutions, and public agencies.

<u>RFP Project Process</u>

- **Interested organizations or individuals are required to submit a 1-2 page Initial Project Idea description (using the guidelines on the following page) to ACR no later than July 1, 2015.**

- By July 15, 2015 the ACR Grant review committee will notify applicants if they have been selected to develop a full proposal for submission and review.

- Full proposals (with a required application protocol provided upon notification) will be due to the ACR Grant review committee by September 1, 2015.

- By September 15, 2015 the ACR Grant Committee will select proposals for submission to the JAMS Foundation Board for determination of funding at their November 2015 meeting. The ACR Grant review committee will work with applicant organizations between September 15th and submission to the JAMS Foundation Board to increase the likelihood of funding approval.

- Funding decisions are anticipated at the November 2015 JAMS Foundation Board meeting.

Please address questions to Dr. Tricia Jones, Chair, ACR Grant review Committee, at tsjones@temple.edu.

Initial Proposal Ideas Description

Please submit an initial proposal idea description as a .pdf document of no more than 2 pages (single-spaced, 12-point font, 1-inch margins). Please include the following information in your description:

Applicant Information:

1. Organization Name/Address
2. Organizational Contact Person (and necessary contact information)
3. Organizational Type (educational institution, LEA, HEI, NGO, etc.)
4. Organization's Previous Experience in Serving Special Needs Populations (only 1-2 paragraph)
5. Organization's Previous Work in Conflict Resolution Education (only 1-2 paragraphs)

Project Description:

In your 1-2 page description of the project please discuss the following:

1. Describe the population to be served and your organization's access to that population
2. Describe the nature of the proposed project and the need for this project (what are the important benefits to be obtained if the project is funded)
3. Describe the uniqueness of this project – to what extent is this groundbreaking or innovative work
4. Describe your organization's expertise and qualifications to do this work
5. Discuss the key personnel in the project and their qualifications for involvement
6. Indicate the general amount of funding requested for Year 1 (and for year 2 if relevant) and a general description of what that funding will be used for.
7. Discuss additional sources of funding or in-kind support already obtained for this project or for foundational work in this area.
8. Suggest how you would measure or assess the success or impact of this project if funded.

Please submit an e-copy .pdf document of the Initial Project Ideas Description no later than Wednesday, July 1, by 4:30pm EST. Submissions should be sent to:

Tricia S. Jones, ACR Grant Committee Chair, at tsjones@temple.edu.

Prior to submission, questions may be addressed to Tricia Jones at the same email address or at 610-772-0716.