



## **Youth Initiative Grants – 3 Great Opportunities!**

The Vermont Federation of Families for Children's Mental Health (VFFCMH), The Youth in Transition Grant (YIT), and the Vermont Department of Health (VDH) – Office of Minority Health, are issuing a request for proposal (RFP), for area youth and young adults to create youth involvement activities at a local level to empower youth/young adults, impact service delivery, reduce stigma and address health related issues faced by minority youth. Area youth and young adults will work with regional adult allies connected with the Youth in Transition Grant to accomplish the project (s). The activities can range from positive social opportunities and community organizing to mental health/health awareness campaigns. Our goal is to assist and empower youth and young adults in transition to use their voice of experience to positively impact the system of care and their communities while strengthening their self advocacy skills and mutual support.

### **VFFCMH Grants**

#### **Youth Initiative**

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**Grant Total = \$500.00**

#### **WEST Grant**

The WEST grant opportunity is designed to reduce stigma regarding young adults and/or mental health. The campaign focuses on empowering young people to educate their communities that young adults are a positive asset and are stereotyped far too often. To be considered for the WEST grant, the event/campaign must clearly show how they plan on reducing stigma of young adults or mental health.

**Grant Total = \$500.00**

### **Vermont Department of Health – Office of Minority Health Grant**

The VDH Grant opportunity is looking to provide funding for projects that address health-related issues faced by ethnic and racial minority youth (the Youth Risk Behavior Survey has highlighted suicide, heroin use, and binge drinking, to name a few, as disproportionately affecting youth of color). Groups who apply for this funding will need to show significant ethnic and racial youth make up (55% or better) in the planning and implementation of their project and these projects must be youth driven. Ultimately, we are looking to build leadership skills among this group in order to promote healthy behavior choices for minority youths.

**Grant Total = \$1,000.00**

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### **What's the Process?**

1. Regional teams consisting of at least 50% youth/young adults (51% is better) create a proposal outlining activities they would like to sponsor in their region, and then submit the proposal to for consideration. Application form included. **Applications accepted December 2011-June 2012.** The proposal should contain the “who, what, when, where and how” of the project/campaign/event(s), and a proposed budget of what resources will be needed, approximate prices, purpose of the purchase and in-kind contributions.
2. The VFFCMH proposals will be considered for funding by a team of Youth/young adults, VFFCMH staff and Youth in Transition grant staff. The Vermont Department of Health – Office of Minority Health proposals will be considered for funding by youth/young adults and VDH staff.

### **Other Information**

- Compensation checks will be written to organizations not individuals
- An evaluation of the project must be completed at the end of the project
- All project messages need to be positive
- This funding can be combined with other resources and funding
- Projects must be completed by **September 30, 2012**

**Please submit all applications to:** (paper and email submissions accepted)

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# Youth Initiative Grant Application 2011

Please check which grant(s) you are applying for:

Youth Initiative Grant

WEST Grant

DOH Grant

## Statement of Need

The statement of need should describe the problem that the project will attempt to address and the populations that will be served or impacted.

## Project Description

Describe the project providing information on how it will be implemented and who you are partnering with to accomplish the project.

## Objectives

Describe the project objectives. What do you hope to accomplish through this project?

## Dates of Activities (by September 30, 2011)

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