

EXPRESS OUTREACH AWARDS: Outreach Community Engagement
CALL FOR PARTICIPATION

The National Network of Libraries of Medicine--New England Region intends to award funding for outreach and professional development projects conducted by network members and community groups in support of the NN/LM mission to broaden access to health information. There are four areas of funding: Community Engagement, Course Development, Exhibiting and Promotion, and Visiting Library.

Outreach/Community Engagement Awards maximum funding: \$5,000

Purpose: Community Engagement awards are intended to:

- To promote outreach by network members and other community groups to share their expertise and resources with a target audience not normally reached;
- To encourage partnerships and community-focused activities that promote or broaden access to health information;
- To promote awareness and use of the products and services of NLM and the NN/LM; and,
- To improve access to health information for those health professionals and health consumers without adequate access to library and information services.

Community Engagement awards may be used for a short-term project (12 months) or planning an extended outreach subcontract that involves several partnerships. Projects are intended to be smaller in scope than projects funded through larger NER subcontracts.

Proposals may target:

- Public health professionals;
- Personnel at a healthcare facility or community agency;
- Members of the public (consumers);
- Populations with poor health status;
- Geographic areas (rural and urban) without adequate access to information resources; and,
- Librarians

Awards May Support

The types of awards the NN/LM NER will support in this category include:

- Training and collaborative projects with groups such as public libraries, community based organizations and health centers, public health workers, etc.;
- Obtaining consumer health information using Medlineplus, ClinicalTrials.gov and Tox Town and other NLM resources; and,
- Introduction to using the Web, introduction to health resources on the Web, and evaluating health information.



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Eligibility

Full or Affiliate members are eligible to apply for an award. Community groups and agencies seeking to offer greater access to health information resource are also eligible.

Application and Notification: A brief proposal with a detailed budget is required. Proposals should include project goal(s), objectives, description of collaboration partners, intended outcomes, and evaluation plan. Proposal formats are available by contacting the NN/LM—NER office as listed below.

Applications may be submitted at any time. Proposals are reviewed and funding decisions are announced within one month of submission.

Priority will be given to proposals involving outreach to:

- Health professionals working in public health or AIDS
- Health professionals serving minority populations
- Health professionals in inner cities and rural areas
- Minority populations
- Senior citizens
- Low income populations
- Public health professionals
- Public libraries
- Community based organizations

Progress reports: progress reports should be submitted every two months in proportion to the length of project, every two months. Brief reports should address progress towards meeting objectives and should be submitted .

Activity Reporting: Activities held in support of project objectives should be reported via standard forms to be issued by NN/LM—NER.

Recipients of NN/LM funded investigations are requested to submit to the National Library of Medicine's PubMed Central an electronic version of the author's final manuscript upon acceptance of publication.

Please contact Javier Crespo for questions regarding eligibility, submission, and notification.

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