

Clermont County Mental Health and Recovery Board Offers Opportunities for Funding

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In a continuing effort to foster activities that promote positive mental health and prevent substance abuse, the Clermont County Mental Health and Recovery Board is pleased to announce that the opportunity for funding that we have labeled “mini-grants” will again be available for the upcoming fiscal year.

The Board is looking for innovative projects that will positively affect mental health and/or prevent substance abuse for any age group. A **total of \$40,000** from the Board’s levy funds is available for programs serving Clermont County residents. **The maximum funding per project is \$4,000.** The grant period is July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2010. Any organized group in Clermont County – with the exception of the contract agencies of the Mental Health and Recovery Board – can apply for funding. Previously funded applicants are eligible to reapply. Applicants must have a financial structure in place to account for the awarded funds. Funds may not be used to cover ongoing operating expenses.

To apply for a mini-grant, please submit a brief proposal that includes the name, address and phone number of the contact person, a description of the activity/purpose for which the grant will be used, an explanation of how the activity will promote positive mental health and/or prevent substance abuse, a description of what part of the activity the mini-grant will fund if used with other monies, the date of activity, and the amount of the funding request.

Proposals must be submitted no later than **Friday, May 29, 2009** to: Mini-Grant Project, Clermont County Mental Health and Recovery Board, 1088 Wasserman Way, Suite B, Batavia, OH 45103.

Last year, the Clermont County Mental Health and Recovery Board funded a total of 15 mini-grants to 13 separate organizations. Four schools in Clermont County received grants that assisted in initiating activities that helped children stay drug-free and established mentoring programs. In addition, grants were provided to other agencies providing services directed to children and youth, such as the Boys and Girls Club, the Drug-Free and Suicide Prevention

Coalitions, the Sheriff's Department for the DARE Program and Juvenile Court Detention Center.

Any group receiving funding will be required to present a report to the Mental Health and Recovery Board on its efforts and resulting evaluation following completion of the activity. A final accounting of funds must be submitted within 60 days of the end of the activity. All unused funds must be returned to the Mental Health and Recovery Board.

If you have any questions about applying for these grants, call the Clermont County Mental Health and Recovery Board at 732-5400.