



Request for Proposals (RFP): Decatur County Community Foundation Community Wellness & Mental Health Funding through the Lilly Endowment

1. Endowment Overview

- **Purpose:** To fund evidence-based, culturally competent, and community enriching mental health initiatives across Decatur County. Proposals should target the following: improve mental health outcomes, provide services, reduce stigma, and prevent crisis escalation.
 - **County-Wide Requirement:** Projects must explicitly demonstrate how they will serve populations, fill service gaps, or create regional infrastructure within Decatur County.
 - **Release Date:** August 1, 2026
 - **Initial Proposal Deadline:** September 1, 2026, at 4:00pm EST
 - **Final Proposal Deadline:** TBD
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2. Eligibility

Eligible lead applicants must be located in or primarily serve Decatur County and belong to one of the following categories:

- Registered 501(c)(3) Nonprofit or Community-Based Organization (CBO)
 - Accredited Public, Charter, or Private K-12 School / School District
 - Individuals or organizations that provide community based mental health to the un-insured or under-insured population.
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3. Application Requirements

A complete submission must include the following components:

1. **Executive Summary:** A brief overview of the proposed project, county-wide reach, and expected outcomes.
2. **Statement of County Need:** Empirical evidence, local statistics, and data demonstrating specific mental health challenges within the Decatur County community.

3. **Logic Model & Evaluation Plan:** Defined, measurable goals, Key Performance Indicators (KPIs), and a strategy for data collection and reporting.
 4. **Long-Term Sustainability Plan:** A detailed, mandatory narrative explaining how the initiative, positions, or services will be financially and operationally sustained after this county grant funding concludes.
 5. **Project Budget and Justification:** A line-item budget detailing personnel, equipment, training, and operational costs.
 6. **Partnership Agreements:** If applicable, executed MOUs or letters of commitment from all collaborating partners.
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5. Sustainability & Post-Grant Planning

Because this is a seed-funding initiative, applicants must provide a robust **Sustainability Plan** that addresses:

- **Future Funding Streams:** Identification of alternative funding sources (e.g., federal/state grants, county budget line items, billing reimbursements, private philanthropy).
 - **Resource Integration:** Plans to integrate project workflows or staff roles into the permanent operating budgets of the requested organization.
 - **Community Ownership:** Evidence of local stakeholder engagement that ensures the program remains a priority after the grant cycle ends.
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6. Evaluation Criteria

Proposals will be evaluated based on the following criteria:

- **County-Wide Impact & Need:** Clearly defined local mental health issues and targeted county demographics.
 - **Program Feasibility:** Realistic timelines, achievable goals, and strong project design.
 - **Sustainability & Future Viability:** A concrete, realistic plan to secure post-grant funding and institutionalize the program.
 - **Budget Appropriateness:** Cost-effectiveness and clear justification of requested funds.
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7. Submission Instructions

All applications must be submitted via

<https://www.grantinterface.com/Home/Logon?urlkey=dccfoundgrant> no later than

September 1, 2026, at 4:00pm EST. Late submissions will not be reviewed. Direct all questions regarding this RFP to info@dccfound.org.