Transforming LA Through Partnership

Transforming LA: Cohort Participants Selected
Los Angeles County of Department of Mental Health and Community Partners would like to announce that the cohort has been selected for the Transforming LA Capacity Building Program. All applications were given full and thoughtful consideration, and selected organizations have been notified of their next steps. Core Training Sessions, designed to support the creation of additional access points to mental health services to historically unserved, underserved and hard to reach communities, are now underway.

Transforming LA Overview
On May 29, 2018, the LA County Board of Supervisors (Board) directed the Chief Executive Office (CEO) and the Department of Mental Health (DMH) in consultation with the Auditor Controller (A-C), the Center for Strategic Partnerships (CSP) and a cross-section of stakeholder organizations to develop recommendations for establishing a Community Based Mental Health Incubation Academy (Academy). The Academy will provide mentorship, training, and technical assistance to small and mid-sized grassroots community-based organizations (CBOs) interested in providing prevention services to the County’s most vulnerable residents within the communities they are geographically located.
Overall Objectives

- To create partnerships with grass-roots CBOs that have cultural expertise and their community’s trust to create additional access points to mental health services to historically unserved, underserved and hard to reach communities;
- To create a public-private partnership (County Departments, CSP, stakeholders) that aims to provide funding, mentorship, training, and technical assistance to grass-roots CBOs to support these organizations in building their internal infrastructure, workforce, and sustainability to provide prevention services in communities indigenous to them; and
- To develop and administer an initiative that would serve as a pipeline for identifying CBOs that have been trained and are eligible to seek funding opportunities to provide ongoing prevention services on behalf of the County and receive ongoing assistance and technical support
Eligibility Requirements
The selection of agencies will involve an application review process that considers specific criteria, that include but are not limited to the following:

- Approved to be on the DMH Master Agreement List;
- No previous DMH County contracts;
- Current provision of prevention-related services and/or a viable proposal for providing prevention-related services within their surrounding community;
- Current or proposed services for a County identified vulnerable population and/or identified service gap within a specific geographic area;
- Demonstrated involvement in community engagement activities and knowledge of the community they are serving or proposing to serve;
- Demonstrated organizational readiness to become a DMH contractor following the completion of the Academy;
- Organizational budget of $1 million or less

Important Dates
October – December 2019: Master Agreement List Trainings
October – December 2019: District-specific Orientations
January 2020: Online application opens
Monday, June 15, 2020: Application Deadline
September 2020: Organizations Selected
October – December 2020: Intensive Training Sessions
January – December 2021: Implementation of Short-Term Projects

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