Behavioral Health Workforce Education and Training (BHWET) Program (HRSA-17-070)

The Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA), Bureau of Health Workforce (BHW), Division of Nursing and Public Health (DNPH) is accepting applications for fiscal year (FY) 2017 on behalf of the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) for the Behavioral Health Workforce Education and Training (BHWET) Program.

The purpose of the BHWET Program is to develop and expand the behavioral health workforce serving populations across the lifespan, including in rural and medically underserved areas. The BHWET Program places special emphasis on establishing or expanding internships or field placement programs in behavioral health that include interdisciplinary training for: 1) students/interns, 2) faculty, and 3) field supervisors to provide quality behavioral health services to communities in need.

Applicants must emphasize: (a) training in prevention and clinical interventions for those at risk of developing or who have a recognized behavioral health disorder; (b) strategies for incorporating the involvement of families and community partnerships in the prevention and treatment of behavioral health conditions; (c) curricula enhancement and interprofessional training for students/interns, faculty, and field placement supervisors; and (d) career development in behavioral health for paraprofessionals and peer support specialists.

There are two tracks for this Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO): 1) BHWET Professional Track and 2) BHWET Paraprofessional Certificate Track.

Anticipated Total Annual Available Funding: $44,000,000
Estimated Number and Type of Award(s): Up to 150 awards
Estimated Award Amount: Up to $480,000 per year for the Professional Track. Up to $300,000 per year for the Paraprofessional Certificate Track
Cost Sharing/Match Required: Match is only required for doctoral-level Psychology, Psychiatry, Behavioral Pediatrics and Psychiatric Nursing Internships, where applicable, to cover any student stipend costs beyond $28,352 per geographic reimbursement requirements set by the applicable association.
Due Date for Applications: June 12, 2017
Project Period/Period of Performance: September 1, 2017 through August 31, 2021 (4 years)

Read full announcement HERE. If you would like to receive email notifications of changes to this grant opportunity click, HERE.

Institutions may submit up to two applications—one under the Professional Track and one under the Paraprofessional Certificate Track. If you are interested in applying, please submit a one page Letter of Intent including which track you would like to apply to and the PI’s abbreviated CV to rifs@wayne.edu by 5 PM on May 17, 2017. We will notify the selected applicant soon after. The full proposals are due to the sponsor on June 12, 2017.