

Request for Proposals (RFP): Postvention Mini-Grants

The Indiana Suicide Prevention Network (ISP), a program of Mental Health America of Indiana (MHAI), invites proposals for up to eight (8) postvention mini-grants to support community-based activities across Indiana.

Purpose

Postvention is a critical part of suicide prevention. These mini-grants are designed to help communities foster healing, connection, and awareness following a suicide loss or crisis. Funded projects should strengthen community resilience, support individuals and families impacted by suicide, and reduce the risk of future suicide.

Eligible Activities

Proposed projects may include, but are not limited to:

- Connection and Healing Events- Community gatherings that promote hope, remembrance, and peer support for individuals bereaved by suicide.
- International Survivors of Suicide Loss Day Activities- Events held in recognition of this national day (November 21, 2026) that honor loss survivors and promote healing.
- Training and Educational Programs- Sessions that help community members, service providers, educators, or faith leaders respond compassionately to suicide loss and support individuals with lived experience.
- Resource Development and Distribution- Creation or printing of materials that share postvention resources, local support options, and guidance for navigating grief after suicide.
- Collaborative Postvention Initiatives- Efforts that bring together multiple partners—such as schools, faith communities, behavioral health providers, and individuals with lived experience—to coordinate postvention response or awareness activities.

Funding Details

These mini-grants are funded through the Indiana Division of Mental Health and Addiction (DMHA) using Garrett Lee Smith Memorial Grant funds.

- Awards of up to \$4,000 per project
- Up to eight (8) grants will be awarded
- Funds may be used for supplies, venue rental, printing, and facilitator stipends
- Funds may not be used for ongoing operational costs or salaries

In accordance with SAMHSA guidelines, grant funds may not be used for inpatient services, building purchase or construction, payments to individuals to enter or remain in treatment, sterile needles or syringes, pharmaceuticals, or meals.

- Light snacks costing no more than \$3.00 per person are permitted.

Eligibility

Eligible applicants include Indiana-based community coalitions, nonprofit organizations, schools, faith-based organizations, and local government entities. Proposals that demonstrate collaboration among multiple partners are strongly encouraged.

Proposal Requirements

Applicants must clearly describe how their project aligns with the goals of Indiana's Garrett Lee Smith Youth Suicide Prevention Grant. Proposals must address how the activity supports:

1. Post-suicide intervention and immediate support
2. Services and resources for families of youth at risk of suicide
3. Community and peer support for youth at risk of suicide

All proposals must meaningfully involve youth and families in the planning, implementation, or participation of the project.

Proposals should include:

1. A description of the proposed activity and its connection to postvention and/or suicide prevention
2. The intended audience and anticipated community impact
3. Partners involved and their roles
4. A proposed timeline and budget
5. Plans for sustainability or follow-up efforts to maintain engagement or support

Timeline

- Proposal submission deadline: January 9, 2026
- Award notifications: January 31, 2026

Submission

Proposals should be submitted via email to Kristen Ludeker-Seibert at kludekerseibert@mhai.net with the subject line:

“Postvention Mini-Grant Proposal.”

Questions

For additional information or to discuss a project idea prior to submission, please contact Kristen Ludeker-Seibert at kludekerseibert@mhai.net.