The Case Management Society of America Foundation (CMSAF) is accepting applications for the 2020 Margaret Leonard Public Policy Grant. The CMSAF is a charitable, not for profit organization created to support education, research and professional development for case management professionals. The CMSAF “envisions a better future for the case management industry through a collaborative, inclusive community of healthcare professionals working together to build industry wide solutions to case management issues”. A primary Foundation endeavor is to “support the development of educational resources and raise awareness regarding health care policy and practice and how it affects the role of the professional case manager and population health.”

Government plays a major role in population health. Laws, regulations, and policy influence how professional case managers practice within their role. The intent of this grant program is to assist an individual in creating a method to effectively promote and raise awareness on CMSA’s mission and values regarding public policy issues such as the Case Management Model Act, Standards of Practice for Case Management, Transitions of Care, Care Coordination and/or other case management topics supported by CMSA impacting the case management practice. This grant does not support tuition reimbursement.

**Grant Purpose:** Promote public policy awareness on professional case management practice by effectively communicating and building relationships with legislators, regulators or healthcare agencies at the local, state, or national level to advocate case management public policy topics supported by CMSA. This is an opportunity for a grassroots program.

**Grant Title:** Margaret Leonard Public Policy Grant

**Application Submission Deadline:** January 31, 2020

**Funding Opportunity:** $2,500 - $5,000

**Funding Schedule:** One fourth of the grant’s financial support will be provided at the grant start date and the additional monies will be provided on a quarterly basis when progress reports are submitted.

**Estimated Number of Awards:** One (1) or Two (2) annually

**Applicant Notification:** March 2, 2020

**Anticipated Project Start Date:** March 31, 2020
Anticipated Project End Date: March 31, 2021

Project Period: 12 months

Minimum Criteria for Eligible Applicants:
- Must be a current CMSA Member, with “A” Type category, in good standing for one (1) year or longer.
- Must be a case manager actively employed in a case management position.
- Must hold current certification in case management.
- Must demonstrate participation in local, state or national public policy efforts.
- Two letters of reference required from professional colleagues who can provide supporting knowledge or information about your proposal.
- It is preferred that the candidate be enrolled in an undergraduate or graduate degree course leading toward a health or human services degree.
- Grant applicant MUST be an individual. Organizations and chapters are NOT eligible to apply for this grant opportunity. Nor are individual grantees allowed to apply any funding they are awarded to any organizational or chapter public policy programs.

EXPECTATIONS:
The CMSAF is dedicated to raising the visibility of case management and enhancing public awareness and esteem for the profession. It is expected that the recipient of the Margaret Leonard Public Policy Grant will support this vision.

- The grant activities, as well as the behavior of grantees, MUST be free of political bias and presented in a non-partisan manner.
- Throughout the fulfillment of this grant proposal, grantee must be prepared to provide detailed reports on activity and budget to the CMSAF Board of Directors prior to implementation of any activity inclusive of any presentations, white papers, event overviews, etc…
- Upon completion of the activities in this proposal, grantee will be asked to submit an article for CMSA Today of their public policy project and outcomes.

SUGGESTED GRANT ACTIVITIES:
Some examples of potential projects meeting this grant requirement may include the following:

- Author a white paper written for legislators and regulators that can be presented for publication that highlights the value of case managers in integrated models of care delivery, referencing the Case Management Model Act, Standards of Practice for Case Management, and CMSA’s Integrated Case Management as essential foundational elements for high value care.
- Coordinate a Public Policy Forum by working with a local college, inviting legislators and healthcare leaders to address the role of case management in advancing healthcare quality and efficiency.
- Conduct a needs assessment survey among several healthcare organizations and present findings to the State Health Policy Commission demonstrating the value of workforce development funding for case management training holding true to the Standards of Practice for Case Management, Integrated Case Management, and other programs supported by CMSA.
• Create Public Policy Webpage for a healthcare agency that contains active legislation and links to important resources for professional case managers and other staff to engage in legislative action. Include links to CMSA resources such as the Case Management Model Act and CMSA Standards of Practice.
• Organize a State Capital Day inviting local nursing, social work and behavioral health students to engage in coordinated meetings with legislators to raise awareness on the professional case manager’s role in the opioid crisis. Develop a handbook for students to reference that includes CMSA resources.

REQUIRED ACTIVITIES:
Grant activity progress and financial updates are required to be submitted on a quarterly basis for review. Below is an example of the project status report grantees will be provided for quarterly reporting.

This Executive Summary document is provided as a guide for the completion of the grant application and is not a required document submission.

Please submit all required applicant documentation via email to Michele Lee at mlee@fraserimagineers.com.

Questions about this grant?
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