Notification of Funding Availability (NOFA)
Request for Initial Proposal Ideas
ACR/JAMS Foundation Partnership Year One – 2019

The Association for Conflict Resolution (ACR) is pleased to announce this Notification of Funding Availability (NOFA) and request for initial proposal ideas for the 2019 funding cycle of the ACR/JAMS Foundation partnership in supporting Conflict Resolution Education for youth. The mission of the ACR/JAMS Foundation partnership is summarized below.

> Mission: The population to be served by the funding streams will be (1) youth in preK-12 age range and/or (2) adults working with these youth populations in ways that directly transfer CRE skills for adults to the youth populations.
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> Funding Contexts: The contexts for projects may be a variety of contexts including community, schools, alternative education (online education, charter schools, after school programs), government (juvenile justice facilities, courts) and NGO settings. While some proposals may be able to secure and guarantee access to or cooperation from traditional K-12 school districts/schools, we are excited by this opportunity to support possible funding of CRE work in other contexts.

The NOFA Area: The funding focus for the 2019 funding cycle intends to support:

The **reduction in youth bullying and violence** and an increase in the development of conflict resolution education skills with youth for their application in and out of school with friends and other classmates as well as at home with siblings and other family members.

There are three priorities relevant to the criteria in the NOFA:

1. Programs need to build upon the work of either the applicant or an applicant's partner agency **and** specifically aim to integrate Conflict Resolution Education (CRE) in a manner that **develops youth leadership** using youth in the development and implementation of the idea;

2. Use youth trainers/implementers both in digital spaces and face-to face spaces that will increase the use of conflict resolution skills among youth in relationship with their peers, young adults and adult members within their families; and,

3. To measure the reduction of youth bullying and violence through an increase in the use of conflict resolution education skills by youth in and out of school with friends and other classmates as well as at home with siblings and other family members.

Funding Parameters and Criteria for the 2019 Funding Cycle

- Requests for funding may range from $15,000.00 to $40,000.00 for the first year of the funding cycle. Year two funding cycle requests may be for no more than $20,000.00. ACR is looking to recommend a small number of high-quality projects with proven impact and the potential of regional and national impact upon completion.

- The proposed projects can be one or two-year projects, but decisions on funding for a second year will be contingent on evidence of benchmark accomplishments at the end of the first year of funding.

- Preference for funding is given for those that may bring existing programs or exciting new ideas to a level of scalability and sustainability on a regional or national basis.

- Eligible organizations include nonprofit 501(c)3 organizations, educational institutions, and public agencies working in conjunction with nonprofit educational institutions or organizations.

RFP Project Process

- An informational conference call will be held on **Wednesday December 5th, 2018 at 3:30 PM EST**. There is a limited number of spaces for this teleconference, so please register as soon as possible. You may register by going to the following link:

  https://zoom.us/meeting/register/f727d079152133827c24e00bf0acd2b8

  After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

- Interested organizations or individuals are required to submit a 1-3 page Initial Project Idea description (using the guidelines on the following page) to ACR no later than 11:59 PM local time of the organization's legal/main location, **Monday, January 14th, 2019** to admin@acrnet.org.

- The ACR Grant review committee will notify applicants if they have been selected to develop a full proposal for submission and review by **Tuesday February 19th, 2019**.

- An RFP review webinar will be offered on Friday, **March 1st, 2019 at 3:00 PM EST.** The link for attendance will be sent to those applicants who are invited to submit a full proposal.

- Full proposals (with a required application protocol provided upon notification)

will be due to the ACR Grant review committee no later than 11:59 PM local time of the organization's legal/main location on **Wednesday, May 15th, 2019**.

- Funding decisions are anticipated at the August 2019 JAMS Foundation Board meeting.

- The selected grantees will be announced during ACR's 2019 Annual Conference, to be held in Tucson, Arizona **September 18th, 2019- September 21st, 2019**. Selected grant recipients should plan on attending.

Please address questions about grant program to Cheryl Jamison, Executive Director, ACR at admin@acrnet.org.

Initial Proposal Ideas Description

Please note, incomplete submissions and those which do not adhere to the specifications below will not be considered

MANDATORY ELECTRONIC SUBMISSION
Proposal Description must be submitted electronically through the Internet. The subject line of the email must read: JAMS Foundation/ACR Grant and the name of the organization.

Applications must be submitted **electronically by 11:59 P.M**., **local time of applicant on Monday, January 14th, 2019 simultaneously** to both admin@acrnet.org and acrnet2resolve@gmail.com

In the body of the email, please provide **only** the following information:

1. Name of organization
2. Name of the proposed project
3. Name of contact person
4. Telephone number of contact person
5. Email address of contact person.

The proposed project description shall be **no more than three** pages, single spaced, 12-point font, with 1-inch margins. The document must be submitted as .pdf file using Adobe Acrobat 9.0 or a later version. Please include the following information in your description. Please note**, incomplete submissions and those which do not adhere to the specifications will not be considered**.

 Applicant Information:

1. Organization Name/Address
2. Organizational Contact Person (and necessary contact information)

3. Organizational Type (educational institution, LEA, HEI, NGO, etc.)
4. Organization's Previous Work in Conflict Resolution Education (only 1-2 paragraphs)

Project Description:
In your 2-3-page description of the project please discuss the following:

1. Describe your previous or present work with reducing youth bullying and violence.
2. Detail your previous or present work to increase the use of conflict resolution skills by youth.
3. Present your organization's (or partner organization's) expertise and experience in developing youth leadership *and* the use of social media to foster youth leadership.
4. Depict the nature of the proposed project idea and the need in your subject community to address concerns of youth bullying and youth violence.
5. Present how you would measure or assess the success or impact of this project, if funded.
6. Introduce the capacity of your organization, or an individual who will be connected through this proposal, to expand the scale and reach of a project beyond the initial parameters.
7. Indicate the general amount of funding requested for Year 1 (and for Year 2 if relevant) and a general description for which that funding will be used and build on funding or in-kind support already obtained for this project or for foundational work in this area.

Note: *In the event of close scores between applications a funding preference will be provided to those submissions which focus on populations or areas of Canada or the United States of America that has not previously received funding through this granting process.*