

Jacob and Valeria Langeloth Foundation Request for Proposals

1. Overview of Program

Since 2004, the Langeloth Foundation's grantmaking has emphasized caregiving. By "caregiving" the Foundation refers to all levels of support, paid and unpaid, that a patient receives after primary care, especially in the home but excluding hospice. For the fall 2007 cycle, the Foundation will target community-connected caregiver programs and projects.

This request for proposals (RFP) seeks proposals for programs that reduce the burden on individual caregivers and improve the care of at-home patients, while also improving the community's capacity to support such relief. The RFP seeks projects that deliver services and/or evaluate approaches that reduce the burden of long term caregiving on caregivers marginalized by virtue of race, age, language, geography, class, level of literacy, culture or other factors. These factors constitute the **context** the Foundation wishes to emphasize through this RFP.

We encourage interdisciplinary, interagency and inter-sector collaborations. Proposals should provide the theoretical and research bases for their concept.

Examples of the type of project potentially funded by this RFP include **but are not limited to**:

1. A project aimed at demonstrating techniques and systems that provide effective – as determined by either quantitative or qualitative measures – relief for caregivers in a particular ethnic community. For example, setting up a "family circle" relief system in a Jamaican community that has a strong tradition of family care but where most adults work. The evaluation of such a project would emphasize which elements of the project might be transferable to other communities and why; and which are peculiar to the given situation;
2. An approach that aims to improve and/or simplify information transfer between doctors or other primary providers and caregivers. Such a proposal would emphasize the specific cultural or other gap that is being filled or bridged by the approach. For example, establishing a "one stop" facility for blood and other testing, check-ups and assistance in filling out insurance forms in a Somali neighborhood to serve Somali elders and their caregivers.
3. An approach that works with a NORC (Naturally Occurring Retirement Community) to provide mutual assistance as respite for a caregiver whose family member's need exceeds the norm in that community.
4. A review that analyzes why "respite" as a formal, funded program works for the caregivers in some situations and sites and not in others.
5. An approach that improves the potential of technology to provide more dependable communications between and among unpaid caregivers and/or between paid and unpaid caregivers.

In summary: developing community enabled systems, networks, processes and procedures that intervene to relieve the caregiver burden and strengthen the caregiver's functionality.

We STRONGLY recommend that you familiarize yourself with the Langeloth Foundation mission, criteria, history and guidelines (www.langeloth.org). All projects submitted in response to this RFP MUST adhere to the Foundation's guidelines, including project type.

The Foundation is seeking proposals that incorporate approaches wherein the proposed project is a natural outgrowth of the applicant's experience, commitments and relationships within its community.

Letters of intent and final proposals will be evaluated on the basis of the potential of the project to strengthen the field of caregiving, on the applicant's capacity to carry-out the project successfully, and on the strength of the applicant's ability to contextualize the project within a specific community. Be sure to specify how you intend to involve the beneficiary group in the project planning and evaluation. Include the project's partners (if any).

Additional Information:

- The duration for funding is 12-24 months
- The grants total for the RFP is \$500,000
- The Foundation encourages but does not require co-funding
- A single organization may submit more than one project concept
- This RFP is only for the fall 2007 grant cycle
- For eligibility criteria and instructions for the application process, please refer to and follow the procedures outlined on the Langeloth Foundation website www.langeloth.org
- IMPORTANT: When registering a project on the website you will need to provide a preliminary project title. Begin the project title line with "Caregiving RFP" followed by the project title.

The schedule and process for the RFP:

- A. Each project must be registered on the Langeloth Foundation website at www.langeloth.org by January 15, 2007
- B. Letters of intent, IF requested, must be received no later than February 1, 2007
- C. Full proposals invited by March 1, 2007
- D. Full proposals due by May 8, 2007
- E. Langeloth Trustees decision October 2007

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