**Request for Proposals**



Healthy Lamoille Valley is currently seeking one-time mini-grant project proposals to be awarded through the Partnership for Success Grant.

**What we fund:** Healthy Lamoille Valley is interested in opportunities that leverage new ideas or other dollars for projects that address the priorities of the PFS grant;

* Reduce underage drinking among persons 12-20.
* Reduce binge drinking among persons aged 18 to 21.
* Reduce prescription drug misuse and abuse among persons aged 12 to 25.

This will not be ongoing funding. Proposed projects should have a one-time and lasting value, or have other means of sustainability.

All proposed work must occur in the Lamoille Valley. These communities include: Cambridge, Jeffersonville, Waterville, Belvidere, Eden, Johnson, Hyde Park, Morrisville, Wolcott, Stowe, Elmore, Hardwick, Greensboro, Craftsbury, Stannard, and Woodbury.

**Grant Awards:** Healthy Lamoille Valley will award up to $10,000 in one-time mini-grants of $1,000 - $2,500.

**Who May Apply:** Any school or nonprofit organization located in the Lamoille Valley.

**Proposal Format**: Proposals should be no more than two pages and answer the following questions:

1. Brief organizational overview stating your organization’s name, proposal contact name, contact information, and a summary of the work you do. Please indicate who will serve as the 501(c)3 fiscal agent **(if not the same)** and include their mailing address.
2. Project title, PFS priority, and project description.
3. Please review the overview of current Healthy Lamoille Valley projects and state how your project links, complements, or enhances Healthy Lamoille Valley’s current Partnership for Success work.
4. How will you measure the success of your project?

**Project Completion:** The project must be completed and evaluated by the end of June, 2015.

**Submission process:** Please send proposals electronically to carol@healthylamoillevalley.org with the Subject: PFS GRANT PROPOSAL. PFS mini-grants are on a rolling submission and will be reviewed monthly. First reviews will begin on December 10th.

**Questions:** All questions should be in writing and sent to Carol Plante, Healthy Lamoille Valley’s Coordinator, at carol@healthylamoillevalley.org.

**Healthy Lamoille Valley**

**Current Partnership for Success Projects**

* AlcoholEdu at Johnson State College - Johnson State College is requiring all incoming freshman and transfer students (under the age of 23) to complete the AlcoholEdu and HAVEN online classes. These classes offer additional educational information related to risks associated with alcohol or other drug use (AlcoholEdu) and provide~~s~~ education on healthy relationships (HAVEN).
* Lamoille County Planning Commission - The Lamoille County Planning Commission is conducting ground-breaking work in developing a manual for Town Planners for addressing substance use issues in town plans that will be made available to all Vermont towns. Additionally, HLV will be developing a map of alcohol establishments in the county to help the working group research policies of alcohol prevention and planning language in other places, and provide outreach on our findings.
* Lamoille Restorative Center- LRC staff provides classroom education about the consequences of underage drinking with middle school students.
* Saturation and Party Patrols - Healthy Lamoille Valley is working with six local law enforcement agencies to conduct saturation patrols and party patrols during high risk times.
* eCheckUp To Go – HLV is partnering with employers, service providers, and educators to implement the [eCheckUP](http://interwork.sdsu.edu/echeckup/usa/alc/adult/Lamoille) alcohol self-survey and education tool targeted to 18-25 year olds to address the issue of binge drinking in the Lamoille Valley communities.
* Nurturing Father’s Program at the Lamoille Family Center – A 13 session course designed to teach parenting and nurturing skills to men that provides proven, effective skills for healthy family relationships and child development.
* JSC Disc Golf Project – HLV is working with JSC to develop and sustain a substance free disc golf course.
* Youth Engagement - Engaged area youth through projects including sponsoring youth participation in Prevention Day at the Vermont Statehouse. The “State of Our Youth” campaign educates the community about the status of youth in the areas of underage drinking, binge drinking, prescription drug abuse and social hosting laws. HLV also supports student prevention groups at area middle and high schools.
* Prescription Drug Awareness Programs - Working with local pharmacists, physicians, and school nurses to promote safe storage, use, and disposal of prescription drugs.  We participate in bi-annual Rx Drug Take Back events where community members can safely dispose of unused prescriptions drugs. We are currently creating a magnet that will promote safe medicine use, storage, and disposal to be distributed to Lamoille Valley homes via elementary and middle school students.
* Website, Blog, & Social Media Education - Visit [www.healthylamoillevalley.org](http://www.healthylamoillevalley.org) to find out more about these or other ongoing efforts in Lamoille Valley. Find us on Facebook: Healthy Lamoille Valley.