**San Mateo County Behavioral Health and Recovery Services**

**Office of Diversity and Equity (ODE)**

**Workforce Education and Training (WET)**

**Cultural Stipend Internship Program 2017-2018**

**Application**

This application is due July 7, 2017

We award up to 20 Cultural Stipends to trainees and interns who are providing mental health and alcohol and other drug services within our Older Adult, Adult, and Youth systems of care, or interns who are providing coordination and logistical support in the Office of Diversity and Equity (ODE). The aim of the Cultural Stipend Internship Program (CSIP) is to provide more culturally responsive services to clients and the community. We award stipends based upon the student's ability to add to the cultural competence of services we provide, especially to underserved, unserved, or inappropriately served populations. Each stipend is $5,000 for a minimum of 24 hours of work per week. Stipends will be pro-rated if the student works fewer hours.

The following are the priorities that will be followed when awarding stipends.

A. Language and Culture

Highest priority is given to applicants who are bilingual\* and/or bicultural and whose cultural background and experience is similar to the clients he or she will serve or to an identified underserved population in the community for whom we would like to have more outreach.

B. Services to marginalized populations:

It is also a priority to award stipends to students who have personal or previous experience serving marginalized populations. Because our system is constantly devising new programs to serve the underserved, a list of such populations is difficult to assemble and will change from time to time. Examples of such marginalized populations might include:

* Gay/lesbian/bisexual/transgender/queer/intersex/two-spirit or gender-nonconforming clients
* Individuals or family members of individuals with lived experience in alcohol and other drug use and/or mental health conditions
* Individuals with physical disabilities
* Individuals with lived experience as inmates in correctional settings

**Cultural Stipend Internship Program Application**

**Applicant Name:**

**Telephone:**

**Email:**

**Degree and Year in School:**

**Site:**

**Contact Supervisor:**

**Hours:**

**List work and school time commitments:**

**Are you receiving another Mental Health Services Act stipend?** Yes [ ]  No [ ]

*Applicants may not be eligible for Cultural Stipend, if receiving a stipend from another source (e.g. Cal SWEC stipend award). Applicants are required to submit this information with application.*

**If yes, please explain:**

**Please describe below the ways in which you would add to our systems' efforts to be culturally responsive and competent.**

1. Language skills and level of proficiency: Please specify any languages you speak and your degree of linguistic competence. Click here to enter text.

2. Culture and cultural identities: Please describe the culture(s) you identify with and how your cultural background adds to your abilities and understanding as a clinician or service provider. Click here to enter text.

3. Marginalized population with which you identify and/or have expertise: Please describe any marginalized population with which you have personal or professional experience and how this experience adds to your work with clients. Click here to enter text.

4. Special interests and skills: Please identify and describe any special interests and skills that add to your ability to serve clients in a culturally responsive and competent way. Click here to enter text.

5. Previous work example: Please describe a past effort, activity, or project you were involved with, and how you incorporated cultural competency and/or cultural humility into your work. Click here to enter text.

Culturalstipends are awarded in anticipation of awardee's contributions to help BHRS improve its cultural competence efforts. If awarded a cultural stipend, the following basic obligations will be required of the awardee.

P**lease initial** below to indicate your agreement to fulfilling these obligations if granted the stipend:

1. \_\_\_\_ Two of awardee's weekly clinic hours will be dedicated to CSIP requirements and obligations including: attending monthly Health Equity Initiative meeting and Final Project/Paper development, and other CSIP requirements.
2. \_\_\_\_ Awardees must attend specific cultural stipend-related trainings throughout the year as described by ODE.
3. \_\_\_\_ At the end of the internship, awardees will be expected to complete and present on a cultural humility related project to BHRS staff.
4. \_\_\_\_ **Stipend awardees are required to attend the Intern/Trainee Orientation August 24th and 25th 2017 for review of the stipend obligations.** (Information on the orientation meeting will be provided in July. Please save the dates. )

Please **rank your preference,** (with 1 being 1st choice and 8 being last choice) for which Health Equity Initiative (HEI) you are interested in working with throughout the duration of your internship. Interns are required to attend the HEI monthly meeting, and do their CSIP Final Project with their HEI.

\_\_\_ African American Community Initiative (2nd Tuesday of each month, 10:30-12n)

\_\_\_ Chinese Health Initiative (Last Thursday of each month, 3:00-4:30pm)

\_\_\_ Filipino Mental Health Initiative (3rd Thursday of each month, 3:30-5pm)

\_\_\_ Latino Collaborative (4th Tuesday of each month, 3:30-5pm)

\_\_\_ Native American Initiative (3rd Thursday of each month, 8:30-10am)

\_\_\_ Pacific Islander Initiative (1st Tuesday of each month, 6:00-7:30pm)

\_\_\_ PRIDE Initiative (2nd Wednesday of each month, 3:30-5pm)

\_\_\_ Spirituality Initiative (2nd Tuesday of each month, 12:30-2pm)

\_\_\_ Diversity and Equity Council (1st Friday of each month, 11:00am-12:30pm)

To have your application considered, complete this form and email it to the Cultural Stipend Internship Program Specialist, Mai Le at mle@smcgov.org **no later than July 7, 2017.**