

## 2008 Call for Proposals

### Brief Proposal Deadline

April 16, 2008



Robert Wood Johnson Foundation

# Building Healthy Teen Relationships

## Purpose

Preventing intimate partner violence (IPV) begins with ensuring that young people's first relationships are healthy ones. IPV is an important determinant of health and well-being and often begins in adolescence with conflict in relationships. The *Building Healthy Teen Relationships* program will support the creation and evaluation of comprehensive community-based models of prevention that aim to decrease relationship violence and increase positive, protective relationship skills.

## Eligibility Criteria

### Partnerships

Funded projects must consist of a partnership comprised of one lead agency along with one to three partnering organizations that have distinct roles in implementing the components of the initiative.

Applicants:

- must either be a tax-exempt organization under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code or a tribal group recognized by the U.S. federal government or; a public entity such as a unit of government or school board;
- cannot be a private foundation as defined under Section 509(a) of the Internal Revenue Code; and
- must show a commitment of resources and capacity to continue work beyond the grant period.

## Selection Criteria

Selection of applicants will be based on specific *overall* strengths (listed below), as well as demonstrated strengths in *leadership, program supports and community ownership and engagement*. Please see the full call for proposals at [www.rwjf.org/cfp/ipv](http://www.rwjf.org/cfp/ipv) for complete details.

Sites must demonstrate specific examples of the following *overall* strengths within their proposed partnership:

- Past experience leading successful collaborative ventures among community-based organizations, government, business and other decision-makers.
- Results that rely on creativity and leadership to address a social issue.
- Proven track record of engaging youth as leaders.
- Clear evidence of youth involvement in developing proposal and plans for continued involvement in leading the project.
- Strong community presence of organizational structures that offer support and resources for youth in need of dating and sexual violence services.

## Total Awards

- Up to eight grants will be awarded for a period of up to 48 months.
- Each grant award will be up to \$250,000 per year, with a maximum award of \$1 million for the full grant period.

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## Key Dates and Deadlines

- **March 3 (2:30 p.m. ET) and March 12, 2008 (11:30 a.m. ET)**  
Optional Web conference calls for potential applicants. For complete details and to register visit [www.buildinghealthyteenrelationships.org](http://www.buildinghealthyteenrelationships.org).
- **March 17, 2008**  
Deadline for mandatory online registration of all potential applicants. Registration does not obligate registrants to apply.
- **April 16, 2008 (3 p.m. ET)**  
Deadline for receipt of brief proposals submitted online.
- **May 20, 2008**  
Applicants notified if invited to submit full proposals.
- **July 8, 2008 (3 p.m. ET)**  
Deadline for receipt of full proposals.
- **August 4–29, 2008**  
Site visits to finalists.
- **November 15, 2008**  
Notification of awards and start of grants.

## Inquiries

For information on the program, eligibility criteria and the proposal process please contact the national program office:

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[www.buildinghealthyteenrelationships.org](http://www.buildinghealthyteenrelationships.org)

We encourage all applicants to read the complete details about the program found in the full call for proposals brochure at [www.rwjf.org/cfp/ipv](http://www.rwjf.org/cfp/ipv).

For more information about funding opportunities from the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation visit Grant Applications at [www.rwjf.org](http://www.rwjf.org).

Sign up to receive Funding Alerts on upcoming calls for proposals at [www.rwjf.org/services](http://www.rwjf.org/services).



### **How to Apply**

There are three stages in the competitive application process: (1) online registration; (2) submission of a brief proposal that describes the project; and, *if invited*, (3) submission of a full proposal, line-item budget and budget narrative.

Applicant Web conference calls will be held on March 3 and March 12, 2008 to answer questions about the call for proposals as well as the proposal and selection process. Participation in these calls is strongly encouraged. Please visit the program's Web site for additional details and to register for the Web conference calls (*www.buildinghealthyteenrelationships.org*). Ample time will be provided for questions and answers through the online chat feature of the Web call.

This program only accepts proposals submitted through the RWJF Grantmaking Online system at <http://grantmaking.rwjf.org/ipv>.

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