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**GRANT APPLICATION**

**DEFINITION:**

The Lighthouse Grant category focuses on quality and patient safety risk mitigation activities a member organization would like to complete within the next eighteen months.

**ELIGIBILITY:**

Members of AEIX. “Member” includes any organization (hospital, clinic, long term care, urgent care, behavioral health, outpatient services, etc.) and department (Risk Management, Patient Safety, Quality, High Reliability Team, or an individual unit (for example an ICU, Med-Surg, Peri-natal, Environmental Services, Human Resources/Talent, Education department, etc.) within the member system.

**Please share this application with all clinical and operational departments within your organization** that may be interested in completing a new risk reduction project and who may be interested in applying for an AEIX Risk Management Grant.

* Grants are limited to projects that are forecasted to be completed within the next eighteen (18) months.
* Grants are typically awarded for amounts of $12,000 or less.
  + However, the committee has some limited flexibility in determining the amount of the grant that is awarded.
* Grants must have accompanying information that supports the project’s goals in demonstrating improved patient safety (risk reduction).

**INSTRUCTIONS:**

1. Complete the application in its entirety.

* In the event of missing or incomplete information, *if* the timeline allows, AEIX will send applications back to the member and request completion and/or clarification of the application.
* Blanks and/or incomplete information may result in disqualification if the deadline for application submission has passed.

1. Applications must be submitted to AEIX in **WORD** format.

* Applications must be completed electronically (typed) and be sent in an editable format (do not scan and send the document or send in a non-editable format).

1. Completed applications should be sent via email, as a WORD document attachment,  with a copy to the organization’s risk management leader, to the following email: [aeixawards@premierinc.com](mailto:aeixawards@premierinc.com).
2. Please note, grant monies are not intended to be used for reimbursing hospital staff or the project participants to compensate them financially for their efforts.

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**Lighthouse Award GRANT Application**

***ALL fields/questions within the application must be completed prior to the submission.***

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| **1** | **\*Applicant Name(s):** | Kathleen Remner |
| **2** | **\*Title/role:** | Manager, Workforce Health, Wellness, and Safety |
| **3** | **\*Hospital or Entity Name:** | Valley Children’s Hospital |
| **4** | **\*Healthcare System:** | Valley Children's Healthcare |
| **5** | **\*Clinical or Operational Area:** | Workforce Health and Safety |
| **6** | **\*Project/GRANT Title:** | Marcus Crisis Prevention Program |
| **7** | **\*Mailing Address:** | 9300 Valley Childrens Place,  Madera, CA 93636 |
| **8** | **\*Telephone:** | 559-353-8673 |
| **9** | **\*E-mail Address:** | Kremner@valleychildrens.org |

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| **10** | **\*Name and address of**  **Hospital/Entity (local) Risk Manager:** | Valley Children’s Hospital  9300 Valley Children's Place Madera, CA 93636-8762 |
| **11** | **\*Name of and address of SYSTEM Risk Manager if different from above:** | Nathan Powell, VP and Chief Risk Officer |
| **12** | **\*Name and address of Hospital/Entity/System CEO** | Todd Suntrapak, President and CEO |
| **13** | \***Name and address of Hospital/Entity/System CFO** | Tina Mycroft, SVP and CFO |

1. **The project being proposed involves the following clinical areas** *(Check all that apply)***:**

Ambulatory Care

Emergency Services

Hospital/System-wide Focus

Obstetrics/Perinatal

Radiology/Imaging Services

Surgical/Peri-Operative

Other *(Please specify)*Click or tap here to enter text.

1. **Briefly describe the project and its importance to the organization:** *(one paragraph maximum)*

*Marcus Crisis Prevention Program (MCPP) is a nationally benchmarked training program that provides high quality training that focuses on teaching nurses, providers, techs, child life specialists and other medical professionals how to safely prevent, manage, and de-escalate crisis situations. Each instructor holds a certification and that certification is 3,000.00.*

1. **Explain how the proposed project described in Question #15 will improve patient safety or reduce the potential for liability***: (one paragraph maximum)*

*Workplace Violence events are on the rise. In 2021 we had 83 reported workplace violence events, 2022 brought 126 events, 2023 we saw 89 events, and in 2024 we had a record high 182 events. These include physical violence, verbal violence, or sexual violence. The MCPP aims to focus on preventing crisis before it occurs, creating an environment the supports the needs of the whole patient and incorporates resiliency practices, enhancing the safety for patients, families and staff, and avoiding and reducing trauma. For ultimate success we need to grow our ranks of certified trainers and this grant will allow us to sponsor four employees to become certified trainers.*

1. **List the metric(s) that will be used to measure and to sustain success?** *(one paragraph maximum)*

*We will continue to monitor workplace violence events and hope to see a reduction in events as more of the workforce are trained. We can also anticipate a reduction in the use of patient restraints as we are utilizing the skills taught in MCPP to better support the patients and families’ unique needs.*

1. **Please describe the anticipated tangible results of the proposed project that can be quantified and shared *as Best Practices* with other members of AEIX:** *(one paragraph maximum)*

*Workplace Violence and lack of resiliency leads directly to burnout for the healthcare workforce. Burnout then leads to turnover. Turnover, employee satisfaction, and engagement are key to keeping a skilled, dedicated workforce that can work together to improve the care for patients.*

1. **Provide the amount you are requesting from AEIX for your GRANT:**

12,000.00

AEIX grants may not exceed $12,000.

1. **Is this practice an original concept created by the project team, or is it based on successful practices that have been evaluated from literature or other healthcare providers which are being implemented for the first time?**

*The MCPP was originally developed by the Marcus Center for Autism at Children’s Hospital Atlanta. They quickly realized it was beneficial for all patients, not just those on the autism spectrum. Since its inception, it has been adopted at several Children’s Hospitals and school districts. Because of its unique pediatric focus, it is more applicable than most violence prevention programs that align with adults.*

1. **How does the grant align with AEIX’s mission of “To partner with forward-thinking healthcare leaders to safeguard assets, enhance patient safety, and inspire innovation” and vision of “Through our collective experience and unique expertise, we will provide the leading pathway for managing risk and improving safety in healthcare.”?**

*The Marcus Crisis Prevention Program is designed to teach the workforce how to prevent escalating or crisis behavior situations from ever occurring, then respond in the rare situations they do. Thereby increasing the safety of the staff and the patients.*

1. **Additional information to support the quality of your grant proposal:** *We have eight trainers currently, increasing our certified trainers will allow us to offer more classes and reach a broader audience in a shorter period of time.*

***You may attach any supporting documentation such as graphs, tables, posters, PowerPoint to the application.***

**Indicate the “Primary Clinical Sponsor**” *(Responsible for monitoring the progress of the initiative which is the basis of the grant, and for submitting receipts and other documentation supporting the use of grant funds, including a one to two-page summary of the grant’s outcome.)*

**Name** Kathleen Remner

**Title:**Manager Workforce Health, Wellness, and Safety

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**Contact Phone Number:**559-871-0458

**Indicate an “Alternate Clinical Sponsor**” *(Responsible for supporting the responsibilities of the Primary Clinical Sponsor, and assuming those responsibilities if the Primary Clinical Sponsor is unable to fulfill the requirements of the project.)*

**Name:** Benjamin Hiett

**Title:** Safety Specialist

**Contact Email:** Bhiett@valleychildrens.org

**Contact Phone Number:** 559-353-5117

Grant monies are not to be used for compensating (paying salaries, overtime, or time spent conducting the grant work) the organization’s staff for their efforts related to the grant.



**The following questions (I. A through E, and II) must be completed by the applicant and submitted with grant application**.

1. **Using the following criteria, in your opinion, how would you evaluate your application on a scale of 1-3, with three being the highest**:
   1. **Potential to improve safety and reduce liability:**

Practice appears to have had *little* effect on improving safety and reducing liability. (1)

Practice appears to have had *some* effect on improving safety and reduced liability, but metrics are

not distinctly defined and/or it is unclear that measurable effect can be sustained. (2)

Practice appears to have had a *strong* effect on improving safety and reducing liability with clear

defined metrics and sustainability. (3)

* 1. **Potential to share best practice among AEIX members:**

*Little* potential for sharing with or translation of best practices to other organizations (e.g.,

implementation requires major budgetary commitment; the topic is highly specialized and/or metrics are not clearly defined). (1)

*Some* potential for sharing or translation of best practices to other organizations; however, the

implementation process may pose challenges *due to f*actors such as significant budgetary

commitments or the specialized nature of the topic.

* While certain practice settings, such as behavioral health, may find the application relevant, the overall applicability may be limited. Additionally, the metrics for evaluation are not clearly defined.

*Strong* potential for sharing with and translation of best practices to other member organizations. (3)

* 1. **Potential to impact severity of risk exposure:**

Appears to have potential for addressing an issue which may be important from other perspectives,

such as patient satisfaction or reporting of data, but it is *unlikely to impact severity of risk in the clinical*

*or safety area*. (1)

Appears to have potential for addressing an issue which may not result in catastrophic loss, but which

is nevertheless significant regarding patient safety or clinical outcomes (e.g., preventing burns from

hot liquids on dietary trays). (2)

Appears to have potential for addressing an issue which clearly affects severe malpractice exposure

caused by significant risk events (e.g., birth injury). (3)

* 1. **Innovation level of the Project**:

Project/practice is new to this organization but is based primarily on best practices firmly established

in the industry. (1)

Project/practice was developed primarily by applicants with some assistance from outside entities,

and/or it contains well-established best practices but includes additional innovative features which

may benefit other organizations. (2)

Project/practice was created primarily (or solely) by applicants and could add to established literature

or industry best practices. (3)

1. **Alignment with AEIX’s mission “*To partner with forward-thinking healthcare leaders to safeguard assets, enhance patient safety, and inspire innovation” and vision of “Through our collective experience and unique expertise, we will provide the leading pathway for managing risk and improving safety in healthcare.***”:

Project appears to have minimal or no alignment with the AEIX mission. (1)

Project appears to have some alignment with the AEIX mission. (2)

Project clearly aligns with the AEIX mission. (3)

**II. ATTESTATION:**

**Yes, I (the applicant), attest to the notification of my organization’s Risk Management Leadership of this application and its content.**

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**TIMELINE**

* **5/12/2025** - Application period opens
* **7/18/2025** - Application period closes
* **8/19/2025** - Awards & Grants Subcommittee meeting (review applications and vote on winners)
* **9/16/2025** - Subcommittee recommendations to IAC the slate of winners for approval
* **11/11/2025 – SAC/Board Meeting – final approval of winners**

*Notification of winners/non-winners via U.S. Mail occurs following the SAC meeting.*

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