Grant Title: LUMINA FOUNDATION

Funding Opportunity Number: N/A

Agency/Department: Lumina Foundation.

Area of Research: Meet workforce demands and close gaps in attainment for groups not historically well-served by higher education.

Release and Expiration: N/A

Application Deadline: Applicants are encouraged to submit letters of inquiry by e-mail.

Amount: For Indiana-specific requests, the median grant is typically $100,000.

Length of Support: Not listed.

Eligible Applicants: Lumina Foundation makes grants to organizations that are classified as tax-exempt under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code and as public charities under section 509(a)(1), (2) or (3) of the Code or to public organizations that are designated under section 170(c) of the Code.

Summary: Lumina Foundation supports the following types of efforts to increase awareness of the benefits of higher education, improved student access to and preparedness for college, improved student success in college and increased productivity across the higher education system. Work that stimulates broad-based and systemic change. Work that focuses on promoting educational access and success for underserved populations, especially low-income students, students of color, first-generation college students and adult learners. Collaboration among multiple organizations and institutions to ensure comprehensive and enduring attention to students' postsecondary preparation, enrollment and attainment. Projects that demonstrate capacity for long-term growth and sustainability. Research and/or evaluation that results in new knowledge and evidence to strengthen opportunities for postsecondary access and success. Work that addresses increasing efficiency, effectiveness and productivity to more cost-effectively educate a significantly larger share of the U.S. population. Lumina Foundation makes grants within the United States and its territories. In addition, as an Indiana-based foundation, they set aside 10 percent of our grant funds each year for work that is specific to our hometown (Indianapolis) and home state. The Foundation may occasionally initiate a grant to an entity outside the United States in order to inform its work to expand access and success in postsecondary education in the United States. Lumina makes a limited number of institution-specific grants to help stimulate change in the field. For a single college to be eligible for a grant, we expect the institution to demonstrate how the grant will not only contribute to a process of institutional transformation centered on a student success agenda on its own campus, but also at other campuses. First, we want to know how the institution is using data-based decision making to increase and measure the percentage of students who: (a) successfully complete the courses they take, (b) advance from developmental education courses to credit-bearing courses, (c) enroll in and successfully complete gatekeeper courses, (d) enroll from one semester to the next, (e) earn degrees and/or certificates. Second, institutions also must meet the following criteria: (a) demonstrate how the proposed work represents an institution-wide commitment to a student success agenda, (b) identify the specific beneficiaries of the work and how it will reach them, as evidenced by a strong strategy of collaboration and communication, (c) state how the work represents a significant contribution to building knowledge, policy or practice, as evidenced by a commitment to rigorous research or evaluation so as to prove results.

Detail Information: http://www.luminafoundation.org/grants/information_for_grant_seekers/what_we_fund.html