



Cooperative Proposal

Community Resource Library

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Statement of Purpose

This cooperative proposal is offered as a means to provide for the need of the Interfaith Mental Health Coalition (IMHC) for a robust, affordable, modern, web-based community resource library.

This proposal is an updated version of a previous draft circulated in August 2020.

Overview

IMHC has identified needs for more effective collaboration and communication within their community of practice. Their impact will be greater when they have the capability to surface community resources, trainings, and programs that are offered by and to coalition members. This will avoid missed opportunities and duplication of effort among the community of practice.

To date, IMHC has performed high level needs analysis and is looking to determine the next steps for implementing their solution.

Northbridge Technology Alliance (NTA) is a cooperatively managed 501(c)(3) nonprofit that builds the technology capacity of community-building organizations so their collective impact is increased. NTA operates through a cooperative membership program.

The opportunity is for IMHC, through membership with NTA, to move forward with their Community Resource Library implementation by taking the necessary steps to complete their formal analysis including technical specifications, tradeoffs, budgeting, and vendor selection that will ensure the intended outcome for the Library.

Proposal Summary

NTA proposes a cooperative partnership.

- A one-year Coalition membership of IMHC in the Northbridge cooperative in the amount of \$360.
- Under the consultation benefit afforded to NTA Coalition members, produce a professionally-guided, vendor-neutral "scope and approach" document.
- Under the same consultation benefit, NTA can facilitate an organizational decisioning meeting with the Board of Directors or other authoritative committee.
- There may be opportunity for Northbridge to accommodate the requirements of the library within our community-based collaborative platform Nexus. Coalition membership with NTA will give IMHC standing to influence community-based direction for that platform.



Proposal Details

Inputs

- A one-year Coalition membership by IMHC with Northbridge Technology Alliance
- One or two dedicated representatives, allocated in total at 1-2 hours per week for 3-6 months, from IMHC to participate in the Coalition Member consultation program
- Member support program staff from NTA

Deliverables

- A professionally-guided vendor-neutral scope and approach document that
 - specifies system requirements with respect to features, security, user roles, long-term maintenance and other standard technology considerations
 - identifies technology marketplace options, which may include the member-managed Nexus collaboration platform of NTA
 - publish a solution options grid with budgetary information
 - recommend a solution(s) for final organizational decisioning

Outcome

The outcome of this collaboration will be that IMHC has agreed on a strategically sound technology platform to host their community resource library. They will be equipped to efficiently implement their decision and build an effective solution.

