

RIVERSIDE HOSPITAL FOUNDATION, INC.



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JACKSONVILLE AREA NONPROFITS COULD BENEFIT WITH GRANT OPPORTUNITY

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. **April 10, 2013** – The Riverside Hospital Foundation, serving as the living legacy of the former Riverside Hospital, was established in 1991 when the hospital was sold. Today, the Foundation seeks to keep the mission of the hospital alive by supporting the region’s medically related nonprofit organizations.

In order to provide potential support to responding organizations, The Riverside Hospital Foundation requests grant proposals from nonprofit agencies planning new programs to address access to health care. A qualifying nonprofit agency will be awarded a grant with a maximum of \$75,000 per year, for up to three years, to implement a new and innovative program that provides services in Baker, Clay, Duval, Nassau and/or St. Johns County.

“Those of us who were familiar with Riverside Hospital understood its dedication to quality health care in our community. And, while today the former hospital site serves as a hub of activity providing valuable services to the Riverside community and surrounding neighborhoods, we are fortunate to have the Foundation standing ready to maintain the legacy of the hospital’s mission,” said Helen Werking, Executive Director.

In order to be considered for this grant, proposed programs should be replicable, measurable, have a self-sustaining end point, and be focused on increasing health care access in one or more of the five counties in the greater Jacksonville area. “The most effective programs can be measured and replicated,” said Werking, “We’re looking to award the grant to a program that has these elements and can sustain itself once the grant cycle ends.”

Complete guidelines for grant submission are located on the Riverside Hospital Foundation’s website at www.riversidehospitalfdn.org. The deadline for grant proposal submission is 3:00 p.m. **Friday, June 28, 2013.**

About the Riverside Hospital Foundation

The Riverside Hospital Foundation was established in 1991 as a nonprofit organization as a legacy to the Riverside Hospital, which operated in Jacksonville for 86 years. The Riverside Hospital, originally opened in 1911 as Rogers Hospital, was the first hospital in Florida to perform X-rays and electrocardiograms (EKGs), and was the first to require board certified medical staff. The Riverside Hospital Foundation is dedicated to supporting medically related organizations that can improve the quality of care in Northeast Florida. Since its inception, the Riverside Hospital Foundation has disbursed more than \$9 million in grants to public and private nonprofit corporations, organizations and programs that engage in or support the research, delivery or provision of health care.

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The Riverside Hospital Foundation will entertain 2013 RFPs (Request for Proposal) to address the Foundation's concern with access to health care in this community. RFP guidelines are available online: riversidehospitalfdn.org . They must be received by 3:00 p.m. on Friday, June 28. The RFP must address the following criteria:

1. Provide services in one or more of the counties in NE Florida, Clay, Duval, Nassau, St. John's and Baker.
2. The proposed program must :
 - a. Be new and innovative,
 - b. Have measurable results,
 - c. Have a self-sustaining endpoint,
 - d. Be Translatable and replicable.

The Foundation will entertain requests for up to \$75000 per year for no more than 3 years. The grant announcement and downloadable guidelines are available on the website, riversidehospitalfdn.org.