

## Opportunity: Mental Wellness Grant

**Grant Program Goal:** To enhance the well-being of library patrons and/or staff by implementing targeted mental wellness initiatives and resources within the community.

### Outcomes:

- ✓ Libraries will improve mental wellness for staff and/or community members.
- ✓ Grantees will define specific outcomes for their proposals.

**Eligibility:** Grant is open to NEKLS member public libraries.

**Grant Amount:** Maximum award is \$5,000; up to \$20,000 in NEKLS funds will be awarded.

**Application Due Date:** **May 31, 2024**

**Awarded funds will be distributed by June 30, 2024, and must be spent by December 31, 2024.**

### Criteria:

- ✓ Proposals must be one specific and cohesive project, as opposed to a combination of several unrelated projects.
- ✓ Up to 25% of total grant funds may be used for the library's collection, but only when supporting the project as a whole.
- ✓ Funds may not subsidize staff compensation, but can be used to pay for third-party contractors, facilitators, presenters, etc.
- ✓ Proposals that include partnering with organizations are encouraged.

**Application Form:** <https://forms.gle/Tx8RMThjAS7aisMN6>

### Applicants will provide the following by May 31, 2024:

On Application Form

- A statement of the mental wellness needs to be addressed and the targeted population to be served (*use application form*),
- A description of how the planned project will address the identified need
- A statement on how the effectiveness of your proposal will be evaluated

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- Project budget
- Timeline for project activities

**Budget:** Requested funds must be \$5,000 or below. Applicants should document any additional revenue that will be used to fund the project.

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**Reporting:** Recipient libraries will complete a brief grant report providing a description of the project, how staff was involved in carrying out the project activities, and the impact it had on project participants. ***NEKLS will provide recipients with a link for reporting at a later date.***

**Resources:** Proposals may be informed by local, regional, or national agencies and publications. Also see the “Mental Wellness” module available at [nekls.org](http://nekls.org), click on the menu: “Topics in Librarianship”. NEKLS consultants are available to help throughout the grant process.

**Questions?** Contact Dan Alexander at [dalexander@nekls.org](mailto:dalexander@nekls.org) or 785-838-4090.