

THE BOB KING COMMUNITY SERVICE GRANTS FOR MASSAGE SCHOOLS & PROGRAMS

THE MASSAGE THERAPY FOUNDATION

The Massage Therapy Foundation advances the knowledge and practice of massage therapy by supporting scientific research, education, and community service.

BOB KING LEGACY FUND

Robert K. “Bob” King (1948-2013) was a groundbreaking pillar of the massage therapy community whose influence greatly impacted the profession and was instrumental to the development of the Massage Therapy Foundation. Among his many accomplishments, King was the President of the American Massage Therapy Association from 1986 to 1990 and co-founded the Chicago School of Massage. In 2009, he and his wife, Kathie King, were awarded the first MTF/Performance Health Humanitarian Award for their outstanding efforts in improving the welfare of their clients and demonstrating selfless devotion to others.

As we approach the 10-year anniversary of his passing, the Massage Therapy Foundation honors King’s memory through an initiative that speaks to two aspects of the profession that Bob was most passionate about - educating new therapists and rendering compassionate service to those in need.

THE BOB KING COMMUNITY SERVICE GRANTS (BKCS)

Objectives

Awards are granted to provide therapeutic massage and bodywork to communities or groups who may have little or no access to such services and who are in some way(s) marginalized by society, with the intention of enabling such communities to achieve their health potential. Awards may also be granted to provide therapeutic massage and bodywork in more mainstream contexts and at large events such as walks/runs, marathons, and other episodic opportunities. These awards are designated to promote working partnerships between therapeutic massage and bodywork schools, students, educators, and community-based organizations.

The Massage Therapy Foundation defines massage as “the application of manual techniques, and adjunctive therapies, with the intention of affecting the health and well-being of the client.” Applicants must ensure compliance with state or local regulations of therapeutic massage and bodywork practice.

Eligibility

BKCS Grants are available to massage therapy schools or programs which:

1. Have been in existence for at least one year in the respective State, Province, or Country in which the school is registered;
2. Currently provide or seek to provide some therapeutic or other service programs to the community;
3. Have designated a qualified staff member (herein known as the Project Leader) to oversee this program.

BKCS Grants are not awarded to individuals. Grants will not be awarded to organizations that employ or otherwise have an ownership or contractual relationship with officers or trustees of the Massage Therapy Foundation, members of the Community Service Proposal Review Committee (“Review Committee”), or any spouses, domestic partners, children, descendants, spouses of descendants or any other individuals related to any officers or trustees of the Massage Therapy Foundation or to members of the Review Committee.

Application Procedures

Organizations wishing to apply for a Grant must complete and submit an application online. To create a profile and start an application go directly to:

<http://massagetherapyfoundation.org/grants-and-contests>

The application form must be completed in its entirety and the requested appendixes attached.

Conditions of Award

The applicant organization must retain adequate accounts and records of all Massage Therapy Foundation Community Service Grant funds received and disbursed. **Records and accounts must be sent to the Massage Therapy Foundation every 90 days or until the termination of the award period** and such records must be retained for two (2) years following the termination of the award period.

Community Service Grant Recipients shall prepare and maintain appropriate records of all community service project activities, duration and extent of services provided, demographics of participants, and the duration and extent of participation. **The Project Leader is responsible for submitting reports to the Massage Therapy Foundation. Reports may include photographs and, video material showing or describing the use of the Grant funds.** Procedures for maintaining the confidentiality of client records must be specified.

Applicant Organizations must submit documentation showing that all reasonable measures will be taken to assure the safety and health of the participant(s) in the community service project according to guidelines set by the United States Department of Health and Human Services, as well as any other laws, rules or regulations enforced by any state or local government agencies, including but not limited to privacy laws such as the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996. Such records must be sent to the Massage Therapy Foundation every ninety (90) days or until the completion of the award period, and retained for two (2) years following the completion of the award period.

Grant Recipients are required to use Massage Therapy Foundation Grant funds to pursue only that community service projects and those project objectives described in the application unless prior approval from the Massage Therapy Foundation has been obtained for a change of the project objectives. In this case, the organization must submit the proposed changes to the Massage Therapy Foundation for consideration and must receive written approval before any such changes or modifications are implemented.

During regular business hours, The Massage Therapy Foundation officers, or their duly authorized representatives, have the right to make periodic visits to verify and monitor the status of the community service project, proper administration of the funds, and the appropriateness of all expenditures as established by the Massage Therapy Foundation.

The Massage Therapy Foundation has the right and obligation to withhold or withdraw funding if the stated conditions are not met, the community service project is no longer feasible, the recipient no longer meets eligibility requirements, there is evidence of unethical behavior, or for any other reason determined by the Massage Therapy Foundation to be in the best interests of the Foundation. Grant Recipients must return to the Massage Therapy Foundation all unspent funds and, upon the Foundation's request, all funding disbursed for ineligible items.

Community Service Grant Recipients are required to complete and file all necessary forms with the United States Internal Revenue Service, Revenue Canada, and/or the appropriate governmental tax services in the State, Province, or Country in which the organization is registered, if applicable.

The Massage Therapy Foundation retains the right to produce a summary of the preliminary project and/or final reports for publication on the Foundation website and/or in any publication or marketing outlet at the Foundation's discretion.

Duration and Value of Grants

Grants will be awarded once in a 12-month period; the value of the BKCS Grants will be between \$500 and \$1,500 and must be used in the specific time period for which they have been awarded. Any unspent funds must be returned to the Massage Therapy Foundation. Funding needed to support the continuation or completion of the project beyond either the designated completion date or the budgeted amount of the original grant must be requested in a new application, if available.

Deadline

Applications are accepted and reviewed on a quarterly basis. Please refer to the Massage Therapy Foundation website: <https://massagetherapyfoundation.org/grants-and-contests/> for the most up-to-date deadlines.

Evaluation Policy and Procedures

All Grant applications shall be reviewed in an open competition process by the Bob King Legacy Fund Committee which shall consist of one (1) member of the Foundation's Board of Trustees and at least two (2) additional members appointed by the Massage Therapy Foundation President. The Foundation will use its best efforts to keep confidential all personal information submitted as part of a community service application or obtained throughout the course of an awarded Grant, and shall use such information only for the review of the application, evaluation, and administration of the Grants; except that the Foundation may publish personal information necessary to promote and publicize the Grant and the results of the project.

Applications shall be judged on the following criteria:

1. The importance of the population to be served, the potential of massage therapy to enhance the well-being of this population, and the perceived need for the project in the community at large;
2. The extent to which the project's goals, objectives, and procedures are clear;
3. The availability of the Project Leader and supporting staff and/or facilities required for the successful completion of the proposed project;

Eligible Expense Items

Eligible expense items include salaries/wages for those involved in the community service project, including partial allowances for a Program Leader to cover some release time from other activities necessary for the pursuance of the project; marketing, relevant supplies, e.g., massage oil and case history forms; travel necessary for the community service project and grant writing costs and/or administration expenses.

Ineligible Expense Items

Items ineligible for Community Service Grant Funds include capital construction of facilities and equipment, staff child care; entertainment. Although indirect costs requests for funding are discouraged, some of the following up to \$500: purchase of standard equipment such as computers, massage tables; costs incurred prior to the awarding of the Grant, and contingency allowances.

Reporting

The grant recipient must submit all of the requested documents in the grant portal.

Grant recipients are required to acknowledge the grant from the Massage Therapy Foundation and the Bob King Legacy Fund in all publications and media coverage concerning the community service project. Grant recipients are encouraged to seek media coverage of the project. Any publication or other transmission of information resulting from the project must include a prominent disclosure indicating sponsorship/funding from the Massage Therapy Foundation.

All applications must be submitted online through www.massagetherapyfoundation.org.

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