



## **Alkermes Inspiration Grants® 2021 Grant Recipients**

### **The Artistic Recovery**

#### **Online Recovery Support**

The Artistic Recovery's program will provide free online recovery support through a series of videos, podcasts and blogs. People in recovery will create content designed to support those in early recovery from substance use disorder. Individuals will have the opportunity to practice social skills while sober to increase their confidence to participate in everyday life without the need for drugs or alcohol. The program activities and resource topics include cooking, nutrition, art projects, faith, fitness, music lessons, song writing and virtual recovery support sessions.

### **Cancer Research Institute**

#### **Immunotherapy Summit for Cancer Patients and Caregivers in Hispanic and Latinx Communities**

Cancer Research Institute's Immunotherapy Summit will feature Spanish-speaking experts and patients who are members of the Hispanic and Latinx communities to raise awareness of immuno-oncology (I-O) as a cancer treatment option, connect patients and caregivers with top I-O experts, and empower patients to discuss I-O treatment options with their healthcare providers. Participants will be able to listen to a patient panel discussion in Spanish to hear about others' I-O treatment experiences and meet with a clinical trials navigator to learn about clinical trials for which they may be eligible.

### **The Council of State Governments Justice Center**

#### **Taking the Call: Promoting Use of Community First Responders to Improve Outcomes for People in Crisis**

The Council of State Governments Justice Center will promote Community Responder Programs (CRPs) to reduce involvement with the U.S. criminal justice system and improve access to treatment for people with serious mental illness and addiction. CRPs dispatch health professionals in response to 911 calls involving people in a behavioral health crisis. Written guidance will be developed to inform local CRP efforts and converted into an online, interactive tool for communities. The program will engage under-resourced communities to inform development of the tool and help make CRPs available to communities nationwide.

### **Depression Bipolar Support Alliance**

#### **Addressing Mental Health Disparities through Peer Support in Black Communities**

Depression and Bipolar Support Alliance (DBSA) will focus its program on increasing access to no-cost peer support groups for Black individuals living with depression or bipolar disorder with the purpose of mitigating negative mental health outcomes that may be exacerbated by



systemic racism. The program also includes development of additional resources to support this work more broadly through DBSA's local chapter network.

### **Imerman Angels**

#### **Ambassadors and Outreach Program for BIPOC and LGBTQIA+ Cancer Fighters, Survivors, Previvors and Caregivers**

Imerman Angels' Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Ambassadors program will expand services and increase outreach to provide cancer fighters, survivors, previvors and caregivers in traditionally underserved BIPOC and LGBTQIA+ communities comfort and understanding through a personalized, one-on-one connection with a peer who has received, or who has a loved one who has received, the same diagnosis.

### **National Ovarian Cancer Coalition**

#### **Animated Patient's Guide to Ovarian Cancer: Understanding Clinical Trials, Biomarkers and Genetic Mutations**

National Ovarian Cancer Coalition plans to enhance and expand its Animated Patient's Guide to Ovarian Cancer for Improved Health Outcomes to include two new modules: *Understanding Clinical Trials* and *Understanding Biomarkers and Genetic Mutations*. Designed for patients, families and the public at large, the program will also provide an expert-authored, evidence-based education series for healthcare professionals based on recommendations from the American Medical Association for patient communication and education.

### **National Sheriffs' Educational Foundation**

#### **Medication-Assisted Treatment (MAT) Sheriff-to-Sheriff Peer Mentoring Program**

National Sheriffs' Educational Foundation's Medication-Assisted Treatment (MAT) Sheriff-to-Sheriff Peer Mentoring Program will guide sheriffs and jail administrators seeking practical examples for implementing MAT for justice-involved individuals with substance use disorder and/or mental illness. Through peer mentoring, the program will seek to identify strategies to overcome barriers, provide proper treatment and ensure that continuation-of-care plans are implemented upon reentry into society after incarceration. The goal of this program is to increase the recovery rate and reduce recidivism for justice-involved individuals by enhancing care delivery in jails and upon reentry.

### **Patriot PAWS Service Dogs**

#### **Veteran Outreach, Veteran/Service Dog Team Training Program and Prison Training Program**

Patriot PAWS Service Dogs conducts a Veteran Outreach and Team Training Program that empowers veterans to create support networks, prepares them for receiving service dogs and ensures that veterans are utilizing available resources. The organization's Prison Training Program teaches inmates the skill of training service dogs, which they can use upon their



release back into society as a means for employment, while providing inmates with a fulfilling purpose during their time in prison. Through Patriot PAWS Programs, veterans and inmates can regain lost independence and emotional stability.

### **SHE RECOVERS Foundation**

#### **Mental Health Mondays Educational Series**

SHE RECOVERS Foundation (SRF) will conduct Mental Health Mondays, a series of virtual one-hour educational sessions designed to support the health and well-being of women experiencing addiction and/or serious mental illness. The webinars will be delivered by content experts, including clinicians and individuals with lived experience. Topics will be gleaned from consultation with SRF's population-based support groups – including Black, Indigenous and women of color; LGBTQ+ individuals; veterans and first responders; healthcare professionals; and individuals living with mood and anxiety disorders.

### **Sound Mind Live**

#### **Road to Recovery Community Outreach Program**

Sound Mind Live's Road to Recovery Community Outreach Program partners with touring artists of color who are affected by mental illness to increase awareness of and access to mental health resources for communities of color. These artists serve as crucial role models by telling their own stories while on tour, encouraging audiences in their communities to seek support and treatment. With a focus on cities with the greatest income inequality, these tours increase access to free mental health resources and services for underserved and underrepresented communities around the country through partnerships with community-based mental health organizations.

### **We Bloom**

#### **Recovery Cafés: Building Social and Emotional Health, Community Connectedness and Recovery Capital for Persons in Recovery**

We Bloom's five Recovery Cafés across the state of Indiana offer services catered toward building social and emotional health, community connectedness and recovery capital with a focus on holistic, long-term recovery that supports its members beyond treatment. The Recovery Cafés' services include peer support, resources and daily meals, and activities and classes to support, empower and encourage members as they continue on their journey of recovery from substance use disorders, mental illness, trauma, grief, loss, poverty, homelessness and/or family violence.

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