**REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS**

Philanthropic Action in Challenging Times (PACT)

Philanthropic Action in Challenging Times (PACT), an undergraduate social work student initiative at Adelphi University, has $20,000 to distribute to as many as four grassroots agencies in Nassau and Suffolk County. Grants will be awarded for either $5,000 or $10,000 to the chosen agencies.

PACT is looking to partner with nonprofits for the purpose of supporting the core mission of social work to “enhance human well-being and help meet the basic human needs of all people, with particular attention to the needs and empowerment of people who are vulnerable, oppressed, and living in poverty” (NASW, 2008). It is through this experience that PACT will also provide opportunities for young social work professionals to engage in philanthropic ventures.

Adelphi’s PACT is an extracurricular initiative of the School of Social Work supported by the Riley Family Foundation, through which undergraduate social work students engage in philanthropy as a means of social investment for social impact. More information about this partnership can be found at <http://socialwork.adelphi.edu/pact>

**Focus areas:**

The focus of PACT 2015 is to provide funding to agencies in Nassau and Suffolk County that offer a broad range of **mental health** **support and assistance services** for varied populations.  Special consideration will be given to organizations that serve members of the LGBTQIA community, those who are impacted by substance abuse, victims of domestic violence, migrant communities, people with disabilities, veterans, and juveniles within the legal justice system. PACT 2015 recognizes the critical role mental health plays on Long Island.  We also acknowledge the services that agencies are offering to aid in the fight to improve awareness and treatment to individuals that suffer with mental illness.

**Eligibility requirements:**

∙ Nonprofit agency with 501(c)3 status

∙ Based in Nassau and Suffolk County

**How to submit a proposal:**

Interested agencies should submit proposals via the PACT webpage <http://socialwork.adelphi.edu/pact> no later than **March 31st 2015 at 5pm**. Proposals should describe your agency’s work in the community and how the money would be used to promote your mission. Proposals should be no longer than 1500 words. We request 1inch margins and prefer 12 point, Times New Roman font. Please double-space your submissions.

Include the following supplemental information:

a. Checklist (see below)

b. A brief overview of how your agency evaluates its impact on the community

c. Agency budget

d. Documentation of 501(c)3 status

Virtual interviews with finalists will be held during the month of April. Awards will be presented at a ceremony on May 7th 2015. Awardees will be expected to attend the ceremony and submit a brief follow up report in December 2015.

Questions should be addressed to Dr. Njeri Kagotho at PACT@adelphi.edu.

**Proposal Checklist**

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Agency Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Does your organization provide a broad range of mental health support and assistance?:**

\_\_\_ Yes (Elaborate in proposal)

\_\_\_ No

**Populations Served:**

\_\_\_ LGBTQIA community

\_\_\_ Individuals with substance abuse problems

\_\_\_ Victims of domestic abuse and domestic violence

\_\_\_ Migrant communities

\_\_\_ Veterans

\_\_\_ Individuals with disabilities

\_\_\_ Juveniles within the legal justice system

**Have you experienced any budget cuts in the last fiscal year?:**

\_\_\_ Yes (Elaborate briefly in proposal)

\_\_\_ No