



MetLife Foundation

APPLICATIONS BEING ACCEPTED:

INNOVATIONS IN CAREGIVING

SEED GRANT OPPORTUNITY

October 2011—Bethesda, Maryland—The National Alliance for Caregiving and MetLife Foundation are pleased to announce that applications are being accepted for the 2012 *Innovations in Caregiving*, a new seed grant program that will provide startup funds of \$10,000 to five non-profit organizations for new caregiving education and support programs. The request for applications is available online at http://web.raffa.com/nac/caregiver_awards.

Over the past five years, many innovative and effective caregiving programs have been identified through the MetLife Foundation/National Alliance for Caregiving National Family Caregiving Awards. Since 2006, 44 community-based organizations, agencies, and universities were awarded grants to both honor their exemplary programs and enhance their caregiving efforts. In addition, the awards' program has helped to raise awareness about caregiving issues around the country and stimulate the aging network to replicate these established and successful caregiving innovations.

MetLife Foundation and the National Alliance for Caregiving launched this new grants program to stimulate replication of the exemplary caregiver education and support programs and best practices that were identified by the National Family Caregiving Awards. *Innovations in Caregiving* will provide financial support to five non-profit organizations, agencies, and universities to replicate the best innovations identified through the National Family Caregiving Awards program.

The seed grants will provide startup funds for new caregiving programs that adapt previous programs/best practices to the unique needs of caregivers in their own communities. Grantees are encouraged to develop plans for sustaining these replicated programs. As a resource for applicants and the caregiving community in general, a Replication Guide has been created that features the winners of the National Family Caregiving Awards. To view this guide, visit: http://web.raffa.com/nac/caregiver_awards.

Five grants of up to \$10,000 will be given to non-profit organizations chosen by an Advisory Committee, consisting of experts in caregiving including, former National Family Caregiving Award winners.

Applicants are also required to submit a timeline and budget in their proposal. The deadline for application is January 27, 2012.

Archived Webinar

You can listen and watch the Innovations in Caregiving Webinar, now archived at: <http://www.visualwebcaster.com/event.asp?id=83575> This has presentations from 4 previous award winners as well as a question and answer session.

For additional information about this program, contact Jordan Green at jordan@caregiving.org.

MetLife Foundation was established in 1976 by MetLife to carry on its long-standing tradition of corporate contributions and community involvement. The Foundation has been involved in a variety of aging-related initiatives addressing issues of caregiving, intergenerational activities, mental fitness, health and wellness programs and civic involvement. More information about the Foundation is available at www.metlife.org.

Established in 1996, **The National Alliance for Caregiving** is a non-profit coalition of national organizations focusing on issues of family caregiving. Alliance members include grassroots organizations, professional associations, service organizations, disease-specific organizations, a government agency, and corporations. The Alliance was created to conduct research, do policy analysis, develop national programs and increase public awareness of family caregiving issues. Recognizing that family caregivers provide important societal and financial contributions toward maintaining the well-being of those they care for, the Alliance's mission is to be the objective national resource on family caregiving with the goal of improving the quality of life for families and care recipients. To learn more about the National Alliance for Caregiving, visit www.caregiving.org.