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1. Name of Applicant (Individual):

2. Organization or school and address:

3. I am applying as a: (check one)

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4. I hold the following professional licenses or certifications:

5. What is the best way to contact you?

6. What is the mission of your organization? Who are your target clients, students or patients? Limit to one to two paragraphs.

7. Overview or summary of the specific project you are seeking funding for. Limit to one to two paragraphs.

8. Goals

a. What is the overall goal and/or objectives of the project you are applying for?

b. Describe the immediate need or urgency for the project.

c. What is the potential long-term impact of the project?

9. Implementation

a. How will the project be organized?

b. Who will lead the project? Who will provide ongoing administration?

c. What key personnel or stakeholders will be involved?

d. What possible barriers or problems might you encounter?

e. What is your timeline from start to completion?

f. Are there other resources you need in addition to those outlined in your budget that are important to the completion of your project? How do you propose meeting those needs?

10. If funded, how do you plan to sustain the project after the VIP grant ends?

11. Budget – Prepare an annual budget for the first year of development and/or operations of the specific project you are seeking funding for. Include all projected expenses, and additional revenue if received, pledged or requested for the project. Describe any assumptions you are making in creating the budget.

12. Include a resume or vita with your application.

13. Email application and resume as a Microsoft Word Doc attachment to:

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