

CIT Mini Grants and Law Enforcement Scholarships 2020/2021

The CJ CCoE and NAMI Ohio collaborate to make mini grants and scholarships available to Ohio CIT training programs. Funding for mini grants and scholarships is made possible through awards from the Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services.

CIT Mini Grants to Support full CIT Courses: \$1,800 Mini grants in the amount of \$1,800 are available to offset the costs of hosting full CIT courses or academies. Communities can request a mini grant for each 40-hour (or equivalent) course held between July 1, 2020 – June 30, 2021.

CIT Mini Grants for Advanced, Refresher, or Companion Training: \$1,000 Mini grants in the amount of \$1,000 are available for those communities wishing to offer advanced, refresher, or companion trainings. This includes training that does not meet the full 40-hours requirement but seeks to provide advanced topic training to existing CIT officers, refresher training to existing CIT officers, or companion training to key CIT partners, e.g., dispatchers, fire/EMS, behavioral health providers.

CIT Scholarships for Law Enforcement Agencies to send Personnel to CIT Training: \$1,800 Scholarships of \$1,800 are available for Law Enforcement agencies sending police officers for the first time to complete the full 40-hours CIT course. These scholarships prioritize agencies who have not participated in CIT training in the past. A limited number of scholarships are available to agencies that have participated in the past but have financial constraints affecting their ability to send additional officers.

CIT Scholarships for Dispatcher: Dispatch supervisors that attend the full CIT training can receive scholarships for \$1,300. To encourage Dispatchers to attend the Companion Training, we have outlined the following scholarship opportunities: 4 hours: \$125; 8 hours: \$250; 16 hours: \$500; 24 hours: \$750; and if a dispatcher attends a full CIT training because a companion training is unavailable, they could receive \$750.

If you previously submitted a request, it is not necessary to submit a new request. If you want to add trainings to your existing request, you can do so through an email to Luke Russell (luke@namiohio.org), identifying the type of training to be held and the dates of training.

For all mini grant requests, please provide the following information:

1. Type of training (full CIT course, advanced, refresher, companion)
2. Date of the training
3. A list of the members of your CIT Steering Committee
4. Name and address of the entity to whom the check should be made payable (in the case of scholarships, this should be specific law enforcement agencies)
5. Name of law enforcement agency and name and rank/position of specific personnel who will attend training (required for scholarships only)
6. Completed roster of all graduates, and for advanced, refresher and companion trainings the type and length of the training upon completion. (SEE ATTACHED)

All mini grants and scholarships will be paid after completion of the training and once the training roster is verified.

All mini grant and scholarship requests should be made by the county CIT Program Coordinator and sent to Luke Russell at NAMI Ohio: luke@namiohio.org