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Memorial Grant to Be Awarded in Honor of Dr. Martha Tanner for Her Exceptional Work in Advocating for Those with Mental Illnesses

(Eastern Idaho) – On February 20, 2021, Dr. Martha Tanner passed away. She left a legacy of hard work and advocacy for causes close to her heart including infectious disease control and reducing the stigma associated with mental illness. To honor her memory, in the Summer of 2021, the Region 7 Behavioral Health Board (R7BHB) started the Martha Tanner Memorial Grant. This grant was founded with the desire to keep her name and commitment to service alive within our region.

The grant, in the amount of \$1000.00, is awarded yearly to an organization with a focus in the following areas:

- **Crisis intervention training and resources**
- **Resources to assist in mental illness treatment and recovery**

The application deadline for the grant is **August 31, 2022**. The grant recipient will be chosen during the September R7BHB meeting held virtually on September 16. The Martha Tanner Memorial Grant application, with information on how to apply and submit, can be accessed here: <https://eiph.idaho.gov/RBHB/bhbboarddocs.html>.

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Dr. Martha Tanner was a founding member of the Region 7 Crisis Intervention Team (C.I.T.) Steering Committee that brought the Memphis Model of First Responder C.I.T. training to Eastern Idaho in 2009. Martha also introduced Community Crisis Centers to the region by taking a group of people to observe the Crisis Center in Billings, MT. Martha was a member of N.A.M.I. (National Alliance on Mental Illness) for many years as well as an accomplished infectious disease control physician who practiced medicine in Eastern Idaho from 1979 until 2004. Her service to our community and advocacy for those living with mental illness left a profound impression on our community.