



CONNECTICUT CHILDREN'S ALLIANCE, INC.



Pathways to Prevention

New funding opportunity for Community-Based Child Abuse Prevention

Prevent Child Abuse CT, a program of the Connecticut Children's Alliance, is issuing a request for proposals intended to support diverse community organizations and/or groups that support work leading to child maltreatment prevention.

Why: Child abuse and neglect are serious public health problems that can have long-term impacts on health and wellbeing. At Prevent Child Abuse CT, our vision is a world where no child is ever abused or neglected. Child abuse and neglect are preventable, and everyone benefits when children have safe, stable, nurturing relationships and environments. Developing practical pathways to support those relationships and environments is a critical piece of a robust prevention strategy.

What: Prevent Child Abuse Connecticut (PACT) is pleased to announce a call for proposals for grants to support child maltreatment prevention innovation in Connecticut. These grants are intended to support community-based projects underway, pilot projects, and creative strategies contributing to the prevention of child abuse and neglect

Who: Applicants must be 501(c)(3) organizations within Connecticut. Unincorporated organizations or coalitions must identify a 501(c)(3) organization that has agreed to function as its fiscal agent. Applicants must demonstrate a history of working on child abuse and neglect prevention.

Request for Proposals (RFP) Prevention Innovation Grants

Project Year: October 1st, 2020-September 30th, 2021

Proposal Due: August 21st, 2020

Grant Amount: \$25,000

Number of Awards: 2

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- Have a research or evaluation component embedded in the project
- Focus on an innovative strategy that can be replicated throughout the state
- Focus on strategies that support children birth to age 8 and their families

Some example topic areas include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Training development (Adverse Childhood Experiences, sexual abuse prevention, polyvictimization)
- Initiatives to address the impacts of COVID-19 on healthy childhoods
- Prevention strategies that support extended caregivers
- Parent leadership development
- Childhood mental health and suicide prevention
- Child maltreatment screening tools

Two grants will be awarded in the amount of \$25,000 each. Funds must be spent within one calendar year from the date of the initial award. Proposals are due by **11:59pm (EST) on Friday, August 21st** and will be reviewed by an ad-hoc committee of PACT members. Applicants will be notified by **Friday, September 11th** regarding the funding of their proposals.

Eligibility: Applicants must be 501(c)(3) organizations within Connecticut. Unincorporated organizations or coalitions must identify a 501(c)(3) organization that has agreed to function as its fiscal agent. Applicants must demonstrate a history of working on child abuse and neglect prevention.

Proposal: All proposal must be written in 12pt font Times New Roman and include page numbers. The sections listed below are required.

- **Development and Program Sustainability (500 words or less)**
 - Organization name, address and contact information
 - History of development including description of the agency or group's experience in the prevention of child abuse and neglect.

- **Demonstration of need (500 words or less)**
 - Provide a justification for your approach. You may use citations either from scholarly publications or from local data sources to demonstrate the need for your work. Citations do not count towards your 500-word total.
- **Scope of project including timeline (1,000 words or less)**
 - Clearly articulate the aims of your work. You may either narrate this section or place in table format. Make sure to discuss key project activities, deliverables, and personnel.
 - Clearly articulate the geographic area served and projected number of families and/or persons served annually by proposal.
- **Plan for research and/or evaluation of project (500 words or less)**
 - Describe the plan for evaluating your efforts. Complex research designs are not necessary, but priority will be given to those applicants who embed a research or evaluation component into their work. If available, provide a logic model as a separate document.
- **Project budget (500 words or less)**
 - Provide a budget narrative clearly describing how the funds will be utilized.
 - Examples of ineligible expenses include but are not limited to creation of new personnel, capital expenditures (i.e. mortgage, purchasing a phone system, major building improvements/renovations), purchase of equipment over \$2,500, legislative/lobbying activities, fundraising expenses, food for meetings.

Applicant Questions: Applicants may submit questions to pcact@ctchildrensalliance.org by **July 28th 11:59pm (EST)**. All answered questions will be posted by August 4th on the Prevent Child Abuse CT website (www.preventchildabusect.org) under the resources tab.

General Information of Post-Award Steps and Reporting Requirements: The awarded agencies will receive information about the grantee guidelines and all the mandatory documents and forms, including but not limited to, grant reporting deadlines and requirements immediately following the award announcement. Awarded applicants will be expected to submit a mid-year and end of year report. On-going technical assistance will be made available through Prevent Child Abuse CT.

Submission: All applicants must submit proposals to pcact@ctchildrensalliance.org by **11:59pm (EST) on August 21st, 2020**. Applicants must attach a pdf and word document version and put Pathways for Prevention in the subject line.

