

## **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 and their families 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 the third round of 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 for children from birth to age 18.

**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:** January 1, 2023 – December 31st, 2023

**Proposal Due:** September 16, 2022

**Grant Amount:** \$25,000

**Number of Awards:** 4

Prevent Child Abuse Connecticut (PACT) is pleased to announce a call for proposals for a third round of grants to support child maltreatment prevention innovation in Connecticut. These grants are intended to support projects underway, pilot projects, and creative strategies contributing to the prevention of child abuse and neglect. If the funding will be used to support an initiative already under way, you must provide a clear description of how the money will be used for a specific aspect of the project. Priority will be given to projects that:

- Have a research or evaluation component embedded in the project
- Focus on an innovative strategy that can be replicated throughout the state
- Involve collaboration with one or more partners
- Reflect the lived experience of children and families, including addressing health disparities

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

- Initiatives to address the impacts of COVID-19 on healthy childhoods
- Prevention strategies that support caregiver networks (parents, grandparents, babysitters, etc.)
- Parent leadership development
- Childhood mental health and suicide prevention
- Child maltreatment screening tools
- Community violence

Four 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 **11:59 pm (EST)** on **Friday, September 16** and will be reviewed by an ad-hoc committee of PACT members. Applicants will be notified on or before **Tuesday, November 1** 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 proposals must be written in 12pt font Times New Roman and include page numbers. The sections listed below are required.

- Brief description of the project (3 sentences or less)
- Development and Program Sustainability (recommended 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 (recommended 500 words or less)
  - Provide a justification for your approach. You may use citations either from local data sources or scholarly publications to demonstrate the need for your work. Citations do not count towards the 500-word recommended total.
- Scope of project including timeline (recommended 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 community partnerships, equity/disparity, key project activities, deliverables, and personnel.
- Plan for research and/or evaluation of project (recommended 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 and/or theory of change as a separate document.
  - If a research component is included, please describe the process for Institutional Review Board (IRB) approval if needed.
- Project budget (recommended 500 words or less)
  - Provide a budget narrative clearly describing how the funds will be used.
  - 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](mailto:pcact@ctchildrensalliance.org) by August 1 at 11:59 pm (EST). All answered questions will be posted no later than August 8 on the CT Children's Alliance website (<https://ctchildrensalliance.org>).

**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.

**Submission:** All applicants must submit proposals to [pcact@ctchildrensalliance.org](mailto:pcact@ctchildrensalliance.org) by **11:59 pm (EST) on September 16, 2022**. Applicants must attach a pdf and word document version and put Prevention Innovation Proposal in the subject line.

**Optional comments and feedback:** In the interests of making future rounds of grant making as accessible as possible, we welcome your feedback. We are especially interested in the number of hours and the level of administrative burden required to prepare a submission, and any suggestions for improvements. Thank you!