



Tier 1
Community Based Child Abuse & Neglect
Prevention Grants
Investment Guidelines

2023 Application Deadline
Friday, 24 March 2023

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Mission

The mission of Alaska Children’s Trust (ACT) is to prevent child abuse and neglect.

About ACT

ACT is the statewide catalyst for empowering communities to be leaders in the prevention of child abuse and neglect. For nearly three decades, ACT has invested in organizations and communities. Our mission focuses on primary upstream prevention with the goal of ensuring children, youth, families, and communities have the knowledge, skills, supports, and resources that prevent child abuse and neglect. Primary prevention aims to prevent child abuse and neglect before it ever occurs – we go so far upstream we stop the glacier from melting.

For further information, go to www.alaskachildrenstrust.org.

TIER 1 COMMUNITY BASED CHILD ABUSE & NEGLECT PREVENTION GRANTS

Alaska Children’s Trust (ACT) recognizes the prevention of child abuse and neglect is a complex issue. There is no single cause nor single solution. However, we know when children, youth, families, and communities have the knowledge, skills, support, and resources to thrive, the risk of children and youth experiencing child abuse and neglect is greatly reduced.

Alaska has struggled for decades with some of the highest rates (per capita) of child abuse and neglect in the nation. To effectively address this complex issue, ACT must utilize our resources in a strategic and sustainable fashion. ACT will prioritize grants that support a primary prevention approach. Key components of the primary prevention approach include:

- Promoting equity and inclusion.
- Promoting healthy parenting skills and strengthening families.
- Addressing social determinants of health that create an environment that leads to child abuse and neglect.
- Providing universally accessible supports and services.
- Focusing on existing strengths and promoting continued growth and development.
- Fostering parent leadership and empowering parents to identify resources, support and strategies to help them parent more effectively.
- Incorporating an understanding of the impacts of both adverse childhood experiences and positive childhood experiences (protective factors) into prevention strategies.
- Promoting culturally relevant strategies that are responsive to communities’ unique needs.
- Supporting evidence-based or promising practices.
- Utilizing data to guide the work.

Total Award Available: Up to \$10,000

Grant Cycle: One year (July 1 through June 30)

GRANT PROGRAM INFORMATION

Grant awards are made one time per fiscal year.

Deadline: Friday, 24 March 2023 (5 p.m.)

All applications must be submitted through Alaska Children's Trust online system by 5 p.m. Alaska-time. Only completed applications that meet the basic eligibility criteria will be considered.

The online application system can be accessed at www.alaskachildrenstrust.org/grants

Grant awards will be announced by 30 June 2023. Grant cycle is 1 July 2023 to 30 June 2024.

For more information about ACT's grant program, go to www.alaskachildrenstrust.org/grants

General Requirements

- No more than one Tier 1 application per organization is allowed at any given time.
- Organizations can receive Tier 1 and Tier 2 at the same time. However, funding must support separate programs/projects.
- Project's request from ACT must be \$10,000 or less.
- Applicants are welcome to contact ACT staff prior to applying to discuss proposed projects.
- If a proposal is declined, organizations may call ACT staff for feedback.

Who is eligible to apply?

Applications are accepted from qualified 501(c)(3) nonprofit organizations, or equivalent organizations located in the state of Alaska. Equivalent organizations may include tribes, local or state governments, schools, or regional educational attendance areas. Organizations that have received past awards and are in good standing are eligible to apply. Applicants with open ACT grants must be current on all grant reporting. Applications from organizations with outstanding grant reports will be ineligible.

Who cannot apply?

Individuals, for-profit, 501(c)(4) or (c)(6) organizations, non-Alaska based organizations, and federal government agencies are not eligible for competitive grants. Applicants with open ACT grants that are past due on any grant reports will not be considered for funding.

Applications for religious indoctrination or other religious activities, endowment building, deficit financing, fundraising, lobbying, electioneering and activities of political nature will not be considered. Nor will proposals that promote discrimination based on race, gender, marital status, sexual preference, age, disability, creed, or ethnicity. Funds cannot be used for expenses incurred prior to the grant award.

PROPOSAL CONTENTS

Organization Description and Background

Briefly describe your agency including its mission, founding date, services offered, geographic area(s) served, and individuals served.

Project Summary

Please provide 3-5 sentences that quickly summarize/explain your project. This summary will be used in ACT communications if your project is selected.

Project Type

- Existing Project – funding request will support a project that is currently being implemented by the organization or has been implemented in the past 5 years.
- New Project – funding request will support a project that has not been implemented by the organization in the past 5 years.

Project Target Population

Outline who will be served by your proposed project.

Project Geographic Area(s) Served

Select the area(s) in Alaska the proposed project will serve.

Project Prevention Type

Define the project as primary, secondary or tertiary prevention.

- Primary Prevention: activities are directed at the general population and attempt to stop child abuse and neglect before it occurs. All members of the community have access to and may benefit from these services. Primary prevention activities with a universal focus seek to raise the awareness of the general public, service providers, and decision-makers about the scope and problems associated with child maltreatment.
- Secondary Prevention: activities with a high-risk focus are offered to populations that have one or more risk factors associated with child maltreatment, such as poverty, parental substance abuse, young parental age, parental mental health concerns, and parental or child disabilities. Programs may target services for communities or neighborhoods that have a high incidence of any or all of these risk factors.
- Tertiary Prevention: activities focus on families where maltreatment has already occurred (indicated) and seek to reduce the negative consequences of the maltreatment and to prevent its recurrence.

Project Description

The purpose of these grants is to support primary prevention projects that help reduce the risk of children and youth experiencing abuse and neglect. In your project description, answer the following questions:

- How does the proposed project prevent child abuse and neglect?

- What is the need for the project? (Include data if possible)
- What are the activities of the proposed project?
- If you are requesting funds to support an existing project, what impact has the project had on the target population? Share data if possible.
- How will the target population be better off as a result of the proposed project?

Implementation Timeline

Provide a detailed timeline outlining the implementation of your proposed project.

Project Success

Outline how you will know your project was successful at the end of the grant period. Your final grant report will require you to measure your success compared to what you describe here in your grant proposal.

Budget Sheet

Provide a project budget using the spreadsheet attached to the online application. Indirect costs are limited to 10% of the total budget. Matching funds are encouraged but not required. Ensure to include any additional funding for the project (not for the organization). If no other source of funding is connected to the proposed project, indicate it by checking the box next to “No Other Source of Funding”.

Budget Narrative

The budget narrative should reflect the costs reflected in Column C – ACT Amount Requested on the budget sheet only (not the full project costs). For each expense item listed in Column A, provide detail on how the funding will be utilized. Examples:

Personnel

Program Director (0.1 FTE) (\$3,000): this position is responsible for the implementation and oversight of the project.

Supplies

Activity Books (\$500): books will be utilized by participants during the project. Each book costs \$10 x 50 participants.

PROPOSAL PREPARATION & REVIEW

All applications must be completed through Alaska Children’s Trust’s online application system.

The application portal can be found at www.alaskachildrenstrust.org/grants. Instructions for creating a new account or logging into an old account are on the righthand side of the page. For help with the on-line application system, please contact Donna Freeman at dfreeman@alaskachildrenstrust.org.

Grant Application Review and Action

Evaluation criteria include but are not limited to the completeness of the application, overall merit of the proposed project, the ability and past reputation of the agency for successful completion of projects, the feasibility of the timeline, the benefit to the target population, whether the costs are commensurate with benefits, the potential of the project to become a long-term solution, and the overall sustainability of the

project. In addition, ACT's goal as a statewide organization is to ensure our grants span across Alaska. Preference will be given to applications that utilize a primary prevention approach.

Notification of Application status and Grant Award and Agreement

ACT will notify applicants by letter no later than June 30th.

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