Tier 1
Community Based Child Abuse &
Neglect Prevention Grants

Investment Guidelines

2024 Application Deadline
Friday, 22 March 2024

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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.

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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 is utilizing the Center for Disease Control (CDC) framework to prevent Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs), *Adverse Childhood Experiences Prevention: Resource for Action (2019),* to focus our Tier 1 Community Based Prevention grants on upstream/primary prevention.

Upstream/primary prevention of child abuse and neglect involves addressing root causes and risk factors before instances of maltreatment occur. Key strategies that can prevent child abuse and neglect from occurring in the first place include:

- Strengthening economic supports for families.

- Promoting social norms that protect against adverse childhood experiences.

- Ensuring a strong start for children and paving the way for them to reach their full potential.

- Teaching skills to help parents and youth handle stress, manage emotions, and tackle everyday challenges.

- Connecting youth to caring adults and activities.

By proactively addressing the underlying issues that contribute to child abuse and neglect, upstream/primary prevention aims to ensure children, youth, families, and communities have access to the knowledge, skills, support, and resources to thrive.

Key components of the upstream/primary prevention 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, depending on which funding category the proposal chooses.

Projects can only address one funding category. Please select which funding category your project corresponds with the best. Depending on which one is selected, the available amounts awarded will vary:

1. **Strengthening Economic Supports for Families (Up to $5,000):** projects that provide concrete supports to children, youth, and families.
2. **Skill Development (Up to $10,000):** projects that provide parents, caregivers, and/or providers with training specifically in identifying and preventing child sexual abuse.
3. **Promoting Social Norms (Up to $5,000):** projects that incorporate lived experience approaches into the work of preventing child abuse and neglect.
4. **Out of School Time & Mentoring (Up to $10,000):** projects that support outside of school time programing connecting youth with supportive adults to build skills for life, either in group or one-on-one tutoring/mentorship settings.

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

GRANT PROGRAM INFORMATION

Grant awards are made one time per fiscal year.

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All applications must be submitted through Alaska Children's Trust's online system. 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 no later than 30 June 2024. Grant cycle is 1 July 2024 to 30 June 2025.

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

General Requirements
- One application per organization.
- Organizations can receive Tier 1 and Tier 2 at the same time. However, funding must support separate programs/projects.
- 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 are 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 outstanding and past due grant requirements are ineligible 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

Project Name
Name of Project

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

Project Description:

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

Project Target Population
Outline who will be served by your proposed project. Please be as specific as possible.

Project Narrative
This grant only supports upstream/primary prevention projects that help reduce the risk of children and youth experiencing abuse and neglect. In your project description, answer the following questions:
- What is the need for the project? (include data if possible)
- What are the activities of the proposed project?
- How will the target population be better off as a result of the proposed project?
- Describe how your project meets the definition of Upstream/Primary Prevention.

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.
    - If you are requesting funds to support an existing project, what impact has the project had on the target population? (Share data if possible)
- New Project – funding request will support a project that has not been implemented by the organization in the past 5 years.

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.

Total Cost of Project

Requested Amount

Budget Narrative
Only include the funds requested from ACT (not the full cost of the project) in the budget narrative. Be as specific as possible when explaining how the funds will be utilized. For example:

> Personnel ($7,000)
> > Program Director (0.1 FTE) ($3,000): this position is responsible for the implementation and oversight of the project.
> > Program Specialist (0.3 FTE) ($4,000): this position is responsible for hosting the monthly parenting classes.

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

> Contractors ($7,000)
> > Smith Media ($2,000): development of new curriculum video.
> > T&S Evaluation ($5,000): will provide evaluation services for the project.

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 ACT at grants@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 upstream/primary prevention approach.

Notification of Application status and Grant Award and Agreement
ACT will notify applicants by email no later than June 30th.

Contact Information:

For any questions related to the RFP or assistance with ACT's online grant portal, please contact:

grants@alaskachildrenstrust.org