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Building Early Childhood-Child Welfare Partnerships to Support the Well-Being of Young Children, Families, and Caregivers
 Department of Health and Human Services
 Administration for Children and Families - ACYF/CB

GENERAL INFORMATION

Document Type:	Grants Notice
Opportunity Number:	HHS-2023-ACF-ACYF-CA-0011
Opportunity Title:	Building Early Childhood-Child Welfare Partnerships to Support the Well-Being of Young Children, Families, and Caregivers
Opportunity Category:	Discretionary
Opportunity Category Explanation:	
Funding Instrument Type:	Grant
Category of Funding Activity:	Income Security and Social Services
Category Explanation:	
Expected Number of Awards:	8
CFDA Number(s):	93.670 -- Child Abuse and Neglect Discretionary Activities
Cost Sharing or Matching Requirement:	No

Version:	Forecast 1
Forecasted Date:	Sep 30, 2022
Last Updated Date:	Sep 30, 2022
Estimated Post Date:	Apr 06, 2023
Estimated Application Due Date:	Jun 01, 2023 Electronically submitted applications must be submitted no later than 11:59 pm Eastern Standard Time on the listed application due date.
Estimated Award Date:	Sep 29, 2023
Estimated Project Start Date:	Sep 29, 2023
Fiscal Year:	2023
Archive Date:	Jul 01, 2023
Estimated Total Program Funding:	\$2,200,000
Award Ceiling:	\$275,000
Award Floor:	\$250,000

ELIGIBILITY

Eligible Applicants:

Small businesses
Nonprofits that do not have a 501(c)(3) status with the IRS, other than institutions of higher education
Special district governments
Nonprofits having a 501(c)(3) status with the IRS, other than institutions of higher education
Public and State controlled institutions of higher education
Public housing authorities/Indian housing authorities
Private institutions of higher education
Native American tribal governments (Federally recognized)
Native American tribal organizations (other than Federally recognized tribal governments)
For profit organizations other than small businesses
State governments
Independent school districts
City or township governments
County governments

Additional Information on Eligibility: Applications from individuals (including sole proprietorships) and foreign entities are not eligible and will be disqualified from competitive review and funding under this funding opportunity. Faith-based and community organizations that meet the eligibility requirements are eligible to receive awards under this funding opportunity. Faith-based organizations may apply for this award on the same basis as any other organization, as set forth at and, subject to the protections and requirements of 45 CFR Part 87 and 42 U.S.C. 2000bb et seq., ACF will not, in the selection of recipients, discriminate against an organization on the basis of the organization's religious character, affiliation, or exercise.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Agency Name:

Administration for Children and Families - ACYF/CB

Description:

In every State and community, early care and education (ECE) and child welfare systems are natural partners in meeting the social, emotional, developmental, mental health, and educational needs of young children and supporting families. Research has demonstrated that participation in Early Head Start, one such high-quality ECE program, improves key factors known to prevent child maltreatment. Despite this natural alignment, strategic and effective coordination between child welfare and ECE has proven difficult to achieve in many states and local jurisdictions due to a variety of long-standing challenges, many of which have been exacerbated during the COVID-19 pandemic. Additionally, despite the fact that children in foster care are categorically eligible for enrollment in Head Start/Early Head Start, and the benefits of engagement in such high-quality ECE programs for children and their families are well-documented, enrollment numbers for this population remain low.

Support provided through this opportunity will allow for the development and/or enhancement of this strategic multi-system and multi-level collaboration between child welfare, ECE, and other relevant partners to effectively prevent child abuse and neglect and provide comprehensive supports to children and families. The benefits of participation in high-quality ECE programs extend well-beyond the enrolled child and often provide resources for parents and caregivers, siblings, and other family members through a whole-family approach that strengthens and supports their individual and collective well-being.

Grant funding will support the development of policy, quality practice, and other strategies across systems that work to support children and families at-risk or engaged with the child welfare system. Grant recipients will implement strategies to ensure that coordination and communication between relevant partners becomes institutionalized. Such strategies may include, but are not limited to: establishing formalized mechanisms of coordination between partner agencies; increasing cross-training and partnership opportunities for child welfare and ECE at both the staff and leadership levels; developing and enhancing strategies to facilitate referral and coordination processes between agencies; and ensuring that child welfare agencies have ready and accurate information about ECE.

Potential applicants will be required to demonstrate commitment of the appropriate State, local, or tribal child welfare agency and an appropriate ECE partner to implement their work.

Link to Additional Information:**Grantor Contact Information:**Lauren Fischman
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