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Document Type:	Grants Notice	Version:	Synopsis 1
Funding Opportunity Number:	HHS-2024-ACF-ACYF-CT-0056	Posted Date:	Apr 04, 2024
Funding Opportunity Title:	State-Tribal Partnerships to Implement Best Practices in Indian Child Welfare	Last Updated Date:	Apr 04, 2024
Opportunity Category:	Discretionary	Original Closing Date for Applications:	Jun 07, 2024 Electronically submitted applications must be submitted no later than 11:59 pm Eastern Standard Time on the listed application due date.

Explanation:		Current Closing Date for Applications:	Jun 07, 2024 Electronically submitted applications must be submitted no later than 11:59 pm Eastern Standard Time on the listed application due date.
Funding Instrument Type:	Grant	Archive Date:	Jul 07, 2024
Category of Funding Activity:	Income Security and Social Services	Estimated Total Program Funding:	\$ 3,000,000
Category Explanation:		Award Ceiling:	\$500,000
Expected Number of Awards:	6	Award Floor:	\$450,000
CFDA Number(s):	93.648 -- Child Welfare Research Training or Demonstration		
Cost Sharing or Matching Requirement:	No		

Eligibility

Eligible Applicants: Nonprofits that do not have a 501(c)(3) status with the IRS, other than institutions of higher education
Special district governments
Independent school districts
Nonprofits having a 501(c)(3) status with the IRS, other than institutions of higher education
Native American tribal organizations (other than Federally recognized tribal governments)
City or township governments
Public and State controlled institutions of higher education
County governments

Native American tribal governments (Federally recognized)
 Public housing authorities/Indian housing authorities
 State governments

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 Eligibility:**

Children's Bureau will accept applications that represent partnerships among organizations with relevant experience. Organizations specializing in assigned tasks may be selected as subrecipients (either through contract or subaward) by the primary applicant. Applications from collaborations must identify a primary applicant responsible for administering the grant. Applications from individuals (including sole proprietorships) and foreign entities are not eligible and will be disqualified from the merit 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: **A modification to this NOFO was made on April 4, 2024. There are no content changes to application or program requirements. The funding opportunity number was changed from HHS-2024-ACF-ACYF-CW-0056 to HHS-2024-ACF-ACYF-CT-0056. There were changes made in Section I, Statutory Authority; and Section II, Expected Number of Awards and Estimated Total Funding. In Section III, Eligibility was changed

to exclude for-profit organizations and small businesses. American Indian and Alaska Native (AI/AN) children are nearly 3 times more likely to enter foster care, compared to non-Native children. These four year grants are intended to generate evidence for how best to effectively implement child welfare practices and ongoing active efforts to maintain AI/AN families by funding state and tribal partnerships to jointly design and operate Indian child welfare best practice implementation demonstration sites. The evidence generated and lessons learned through this effort are intended to contribute to implementation efforts nationally to help maintain and preserve AI/AN families and allow their children to remain connected to their communities and cultures. The purpose of this notice of funding opportunity is to create and implement intergovernmental partnership models to improve implementation of child welfare best practices that are culturally appropriate for federally recognized AI/AN children to prevent maltreatment, removal from families and communities, and improve safety, permanency, and well-being. Recipients will serve as demonstration sites to design and implement projects to effectively implement culturally appropriate best practices in Indian child welfare, including measuring improvements in child welfare practice, Indian child welfare codes, legal and judicial processes, case monitoring, case planning, data collection, in-home family preservation services, infrastructure, and systems change. Partnerships must include the state Court Improvement Program, the state child welfare agency, and one or more tribal governments or tribal consortia including corresponding tribal court(s). The "Tribal government" partner(s) may be tribal child welfare agencies where appropriate under tribal law or custom. Effective culturally appropriate best practices for implementation require a high degree of collaboration between state and tribal courts and Indian child welfare agencies. Thus, both states and tribes must identify, build, and enhance necessary capacities. State/tribal collaborations will work together to craft solutions for longstanding challenges to providing effective

best practices in Indian child welfare in ways that work best for their communities. This funding opportunity is intended to encourage state and tribal governments to work together to find creative, rational ways to meet the needs of AI/AN families with culturally appropriate best practices in Indian child welfare, with active efforts to retain or reunite Indian children with family as the “gold standard” for best Indian child welfare practice. The award also provides an important opportunity for states and tribes to build or strengthen relationships of trust by working together toward common family preservation goals. As part of the project, recipients may also consider the role of civil legal services in implementation efforts. Assessment of the success and/or need for legal representation to parties in Indian child welfare cases may be included in project work, as may provision of direct civil legal services, to the extent that such legal services are an identified part of a pilot or practice model to be tested. For purposes of this funding opportunity, "Tribal courts" are defined consistent with the Bureau of Indian Affairs regulations as "a court with jurisdiction over child custody proceedings and which is either a Court of Indian Offenses, a court established and operated under the code or custom of an Indian tribe, or any other administrative body of a tribe which is vested with authority over child custody proceedings.

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