

Community Based Child Abuse Prevention Letter of Interest FAQs

Service Population

Q: The Community Based Child Abuse Prevention RFP guidelines say:

Primary prevention activities are directed at the general population to prevent abuse or neglect prior to it occurring. Secondary prevention activities are offered to families experiencing one or more risk factors for abuse or neglect.

For purposes of this funding opportunity, how does DCYF define the risk factors for abuse or neglect?

A: The Community Based Child Abuse Prevention (CBCAP) funding identifies risk factors for abuse and neglect that align with the focus populations listed on the cover page of the letter of interest (LOI). However, communities may define other risk factors or focus populations if they can demonstrate the need in their own community. For this specific funding opportunity, risk factors for abuse and neglect are not comprehensively defined in order to be responsive to the unique needs of each community. A community can define other risk factors, but please provide a description of how risk factors were determined and defined. For example, an organization may use parent report data from a local community organization or nonprofit that identifies a trend of family stressors that may not be listed.

Q: Can you define what a target population is?

A: A target population is the population you will focus recruitment efforts on for programming. You can use the list of focus populations on the cover page of the LOI or you can define your own population using community data to support your decision.

Q: Can you clarify what you mean by tertiary prevention? Are those involved in the Child Welfare system eligible for services?

A: CBCAP funding is to be used for primary or secondary prevention services only. Primary prevention is something that is provided universally to your community reaching a broad range of focus populations. Secondary prevention focuses on more specific populations that have one or more risk factors for child abuse or neglect. A key component of being eligible for CBCAP funding is to not intentionally select or recruit from child welfare offices.

Q: Who could provide referrals to programming if not child welfare?

A: There are many options for this, and are unique to each community. Common sources of referrals from previously funded programs have included community-based organizations and partners, hospital or health clinics and other agencies serving the same target population.



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Programming Questions

Q: Will you take into account the ability to provide virtual education with not knowing the situation in October?

A: It is not required to provide virtual services, but we welcome programs to share this ability if it is a part of their plan. We anticipate working with programs to adapt to current health needs. In the contract for services, DCYF will have caveats to ensure services are provided in a way that follows federal, state and local health guidelines.

Q: Can a program serve parents separately from children, or should it be a program focused on parents and children together?

A: Parents and children can be served separately or independently. The focus should be on alleviating stressors families experience that may lead to child abuse or neglect.

Timeline

Q: The LOI application states October 1 as the start of the contract cycle. Does this correspond with DCYF's fiscal year? Would the second year cycle, if eligible, begin in July 2021?

A: The DCYF fiscal year is from July 1, 2020 – June 30, 2021. The initial phase of the funding for this LOI would be for a nine-month contract (Oct. 1, 2020 – June 30, 2021). Additionally, programs may then be eligible for a 12-month contract (July 1, 2021 – June 30, 2022) provided they were in good contract standing with DCYF at the conclusion of the nine-month period.

Q: What happens if there is a change to the timeline?

A: The timeline may vary slightly depending on certain DCYF guidance. In particular, the Governor's Directive 20-08, as part the ongoing fight to reduce the impacts of COVID-19, and the budget impacts due to the pandemic, DCYF staff are scheduled to be furloughed one day per month through November 2020. The dates of these furloughs may result in a change to some dates by no more than three days.

Eligible Organizations

Q: One of the proposed ideas for this funding opportunity is a pilot program that is currently in the conceptual phase. Would that be acceptable within the overall funding timeframe?

A: This funding opportunity should focus on programming that is currently in operation and is ready to expand, or for which previous funding is no longer available. The LOI will ask for your experience in running the programming as well as your evaluation experience. Since evaluation will be a focus of the awarded contracts, a program that is not yet operating would not meet this criteria.

Q: Is there any selection criteria around geography in Washington State?

A: We do look to fund a variety of programming from around Washington State and we do our best to balance the geographic representation. However, we do not have a requirement of a certain number or percentage of programs by region or location.

Q: Are previously funded agencies allowed to apply for this funding?

A: Yes, at this time we have not had to restrict the populations based on previous funding status.

Letter of Interest Process

Q: Is it okay to delete the sub-questions to provide more space for answers within the two pages?

A: Yes, you can remove subquestions to give more space. However, it is important to be concise with your answers so you may need to review your responses to make sure they are focused and to the point.

Q: How many organizations will be invited to submit a full application and how many contracts will be awarded?

A: We anticipate inviting about five organizations to complete a full application, but it could vary slightly depending on the results from the review panel. We will not invite more than eight organizations though and no fewer than four. From these, we anticipate awarding two contracts.

Other Questions

Q: Can you provide a list of past grantees?

A: Recently funded programs can be found at <https://dcyf.wa.gov/sites/default/files/pdf/HV-ArrayServices.pdf> on the second page of the document.

Q: Can you the share PowerPoint from the introductory webinar?

A: No, current DCYF guidance indicates not sharing the PowerPoint from a funding application process presentation. However, you may submit any questions to strengtheningfamilies@dcyf.wa.gov and your answers will be posted in this document weekly.