


To: DCF/DMCPS Administrator DCF Area Administrators
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Tribal Social Service/Indian Child Welfare Directors
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From: Fredi-Ellen Bove 
Administrator

Re: Funding Opportunity: Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention Grants

PURPOSE

This memo notifies eligible public and non-profit agencies and tribes in Wisconsin of the availability of Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention (CANP) Grants funding, and the location of the Request for Grant Proposal (RFP).

BACKGROUND

The purpose of this document is to provide interested parties with information to enable them to prepare and submit a proposal for the Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention (CANP) Grants. Funding for the CANP Grants will begin in January 2019 and will be for services relating to Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention Program services with the goal of expanding prevention services aimed at reducing the contact families may have with the child welfare system and preventing the removal of children from their homes. Eligible applicants include counties, tribes, and non-profit organizations.

Given the wide array of risks leading to child abuse and neglect and the long-term impacts maltreatment can have on a child's life, DCF recognizes the need for communities to have opportunities to implement prevention programs tailored to their unique community needs. This Request for Grant Proposal (RFP) gives Wisconsin an opportunity to grow its child abuse and neglect prevention service array by allowing communities to implement evidence-based models for services and programs or implement new strategies meeting the community's specific needs.

INFORMATION SUMMARY

Consistent with state statutes, the Wisconsin Department of Children and Families (DCF) has initiated a competitive procurement process for CANP grants focused on expanding prevention services aimed at reducing the contact families may have with the child welfare system and preventing the removal of children from their homes. The intent is to award one (1) grant to each of the six DCF regions: Northeast, Northern, Western, Southeast, Southern, and Milwaukee County. A total of \$500,000 per year is available to DCF to make grant awards under this RFP. For the initial 18 month contract term (estimated contract start date January 1, 2019, through June 30, 2020) the minimum grant award amount is \$60,000 and the maximum grant award amount is \$127,500. In subsequent 12 month contract renewal periods, the minimum grant award is \$40,000 and the maximum grant award is \$85,000.

Tribes, public agencies, and non-profit agencies are eligible to apply. A public agency is defined as a county, city, village, town or school district. Joint applications are permitted.

Additional Information:

- The target population eligible for Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention services will be any of the following populations:
 - Parents or relatives caring for children who are at risk of contact with the child welfare system or in contact with the child welfare system and have a child at risk of removal from the home;
 - Children who are at risk of contact with the child welfare system or are in contact with the child welfare system and are at risk of being removed from their home, or;
 - Pregnant or parenting youth in out of home care.
- Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention services under this RFP will be focused on enhancing support to children and families and preventing child maltreatment through mental health services, substance abuse and treatment services, and in-home parent skill-based programs.
- The service model proposed should be an innovative approach for the community that is in response to a need or problem to be solved.
- The proposed approaches can be one of two options:
 - (1) Implementation of an evidence based model that exists on one of five national registries listing evidence based programs; or implementation of an added evidence based model to already existing programs that exists on one of the five national registries.
 - (2) Implementation of a proposed new service model for which an evidence base is not yet developed, but that contains key aspects of existing evidence-based practices that lead to successful outcomes for child and family safety.

The request for proposals can be found at: <https://vendornet.wi.gov/Bids.aspx>, under “Bids” and the program name “Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention Grants”. The deadline for submission of the RFP is 2:00 p.m., October 18, 2018.

The sole point of contact for this procurement is Beth Blanchar, Purchasing Agent Senior. She can be reached at dcfprocurement@wisconsin.gov .

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