

## **Request for Proposals: Capacity Building Grants**

**Background:** The Legislature through the Millennium Fund (tobacco settlement dollars) has granted the Idaho Children's Trust Fund \$500,000 to distribute in \$25K to \$75K grants to community-based organizations working to prevent child abuse and neglect before it occurs. Organizations receiving these grants must also demonstrate that they understand the relationship between childhood trauma/ACEs and substance abuse.

Subgrants will support Family Resource Centers, community schools, parenting education and mentoring programs, child abuse prevention training including prevention of sexual abuse, youth development initiatives, and parent-to-parent and parent leadership projects.

As these grants are being issued based on one-time money, this request for proposal asks that **all projects focus on building capacity or infrastructure around family support**. Projects that will qualify will be those that set up your organization for future work. Some examples might be creation of a family resource center, expansion of services at a community school, creation or acquisition of training curricula and the like. All projects must have a **serious plan** for maintaining them once this funding is gone. Projects focusing on ongoing operations will not be funded.

Co-location of program services and community collaborations will be awarded additional points in the scoring rubric. (**Co-location of services defined: Co-location of services refers** to the practice where two or more non-profit or public organizations share facilities and resources to enhance service delivery and collaboration. It can also be one organization that houses different service models in one place. Overall co-location of services fosters a more integrated and efficient approach to service delivery as well as greater sustainability.)

ICTF is looking for proposals in the following categories:

### **Support to Family Resource Centers and Community Schools**

Developing or expanding community-based service centers or hubs for family resources can be a powerful way to support families. These hubs can provide a mix of community services including concrete supports, parenting support, early childhood programs, tax help, assistance with college or technical school applications and financial aid, job skills and placement and so on. ICTF is looking for projects that lay the foundation for **ongoing** family support. Co-location at assessment centers, libraries or schools is encouraged for sustainability.

### **Support for parent-to-parent focused projects**

Parents can learn a great deal about parenting from other parents and can gain support from peer-to-peer interactions. Too often though parents find themselves isolated without the support they need to parent successfully. ICTF is looking for projects in this area that create ongoing structures for parents to interact, support and learn from each other. Groups can be specific to parents in different categories including fathers, parents with children with disabilities, incarcerated parents, parents from a certain locality, working parents, etc.

### **Creation of or adoption of training, coaching and education programs aimed at preventing child abuse and neglect.**

Adoption or creation of training programs or development of coaching and mentoring support can be effective in helping parents in their parenting journeys. They can also be effective for organizational staff to increase skills. Innovative training initiatives in ACES/Positive Childhood Experiences/HOPE, prevention of child sexual abuse, and parenting can be considered if they build capacity that can be maintained beyond the conclusion of the grant.

### **Public Awareness/Media Campaigns**

Wide scale education campaigns that can be used in future years are fundable if there is a plan for reaching significant numbers of people in their service area and that are “On Message” with research.

**Grants outside of these categories may be considered if they meet the criteria of building capacity or infrastructure for family support. (This backgrounder did not necessarily cover all possibilities. Your ideas are invited)**

ICTF will retain flexibility in award sizes to ensure equitable geographic distribution, responsiveness to community need, and alignment with program goals. Final award decisions will reflect proposal quality, readiness for implementation, and demonstrated impact, while maintaining grant amounts within the established \$25,000 to \$75,000 range

Projects will begin July 1, 2026 and end on June 30, 2027

All proposals must submit a letter of interest (LOI) prior to submitting an application for funding. **LOI are due May 8.**