

2020 REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

# EMERGING ISSUES GRANTS

**DEADLINE: AUGUST 1, 2020**



## OVERVIEW

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Since 2016, the Flint Kids Fund has invested over \$9 million dollars in programs aimed to address and mitigate the impact of lead poisoning and trauma of the water crisis on Flint kids. The 20-year fund supports programs and services with the greatest impact on the long-term health and development needs of Flint children. Until the fund sunsets in year 2036, the Flint Kids Fund will continue to make strategic investments to help to ensure all Flint youth will grow and develop into healthy young adults, supported by community-based systems that optimize learning and school achievement, health and development, and social skills and confidence. Visit [flintkids.org](http://flintkids.org) for a full list of current and past grantees.

**FOCUS POPULATION:** Flint children

**Emerging Issues Grant Overview:** Exposure to lead and trauma has long-term impacts which may present through a variety of behavioral and health conditions over the lifespan. In addition to the health and developmental impacts of lead on children, Flint kids and families experience higher rates of poverty, and struggle to access a variety of resources including education services, transportation, and affordable housing. The Flint Kids Fund recognizes the need for unique solutions and partnerships that support the delivery of critical public health, medical, and community-based services and interventions to support positive health outcomes for children and families. The Flint Kids Fund Emerging Issues Grants seek to support innovative programs and services designed to address needs of Flint kids and families. Applicants interested in piloting new projects or building organizational capacity to expand and support existing programs to address evolving community needs and gaps in services are welcome to apply.

### EXAMPLES OF POTENTIAL PROJECTS:

- Improving access and utilization of educational and student support services
- Evaluating/assessing the impact of programs and services
- Increasing job and/or post-secondary education readiness programs for kids and families
- Promoting safe and healthy home environments
- Systems change efforts to establish integrated social services
- Building capacity to advocate and educate lawmakers and the public on the importance of community-based innovations to improve child health and development outcomes

### GRANT GUIDELINES:

- Grant Range: Up to \$50,000
- Administrative/indirect costs cannot exceed 10% of the total budget
- Projects can be one or two years
- Dollar amounts of grant awarded will be rounded to the nearest 500

### ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA:

- To be selected for funding, organizations must be a legally incorporated entity in Michigan with 501(c)(3) status or a project sponsored by a government agency with a clear charitable purpose. Organizations with a fiscal sponsor are also eligible to apply.
- Grant requests must have direct relevance to Flint youth.
- Prior Flint Kids Fund grantees are welcome to apply.

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*The following will not be considered for funding:*

- Grants will not be made to organizations that discriminate based on ethnicity, race, age, gender identity, sexual orientation, religion, economic circumstance, physical/mental abilities and characteristics, or marital status.
- Grants for sectarian religious purposes or any religious activities are not eligible.
- Grants will not be made for loans, debt reduction, capital projects, lobbying, research, or annual appeals.

### **PROPOSAL RECOMMENDATIONS:**

- In preparing a budget, applicants are encouraged to include all expenses necessary to ensure a successful project, including management supervision, accounting, evaluation, training, and grant reporting.
- Grant applications are encouraged to utilize and reference community data resources focused on Flint children and families; including the Flint and Genesee County Community Health Needs Assessment, the State of Flint Kids, the Ruth Mott Foundation Community Dashboard, and the Annie E. Casey Data Count Center.
- Grant applicants are encouraged to demonstrate leveraging of Flint Kids funds.
- If a national or state organization is applying, the applicant is encouraged to identify a local partner to carry out the project.
- Grant applicants should articulate measurable outcomes (grantees are required to submit project outcome reports at intervals described in the grant agreements).
- Grant applications to support projects implementing evidenced-based strategies that emphasize fund priorities are strongly encouraged.
- Grant applicant should demonstrate collaboration with other local organizations. Letters of support are strongly encouraged.
- Grant applicant should demonstrate efforts or plans for moving towards achieving sustainability.

### **APPLICATION PROCESS:**

The first step is a pre-application conversation with a Program Officer. This interchange of information serves as an opportunity for you to inform the Community Foundation of Greater Flint about your organization's needs, outline your project, and ask clarifying questions.

Contact Stephanie Whitledge, Grants Administrator, at [whitledge@cfgf.org](mailto:whitledge@cfgf.org) or 810.767.3505 to set-up an appointment with a Program Officer.

Following your conversation with a Program Officer, you will submit a grant application through our online portal. Through the online portal, nonprofits can complete the grant application, submit supporting materials, check the status of applications, communicate directly with the Community Foundation, and submit required grant reports.

### **DOCUMENTS REQUIRED FOR SUBMISSION:**

- Narrative application
- Budget form
- Financial documents—examples include certified financial audit, third party reviewed financial statement, etc.

Applications must be received by 11:59 p.m. on previously stated deadlines. If an application is submitted after the deadline, we will work with you to withdraw it or move it forward to the next deadline.

**Next Deadline:** 2021 grant deadlines will be announced in Fall 2020