

Flint Kids Fund

GRANT STRATEGY 2021-2022

Since 2016, the Flint Kids Fund has invested over \$11 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. Through strategic investments, the Flint Kids Fund will 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. Current and past grantees and Request For Proposals, including funding guidelines, can be found at flintkids.org.



Increase access to high quality education and family literacy programs for children and families.



Provide access to and education regarding healthy food and nutrition, including the importance of breastfeeding.



Improve access to a medical home and a child health team for all children and pregnant mothers, to ensure in part that all children are provided with robust developmental assessments and support.



Increase family, social and emotional support, and parenting skills.



Support interventions and services to address the evolving needs of Flint kids and families, and projects focused on sustainability and systems change for long-term support of Flint kids and families.

Our Desired Impact

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.

To apply for a grant, contact Lydia Starrs, at lstarrs@cfgf.org or 810-767-3027.

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Beyond Grantmaking

Beyond grantmaking, the Flint Kids Fund Advisory Committee committed to advocate for policies and initiatives that can create a supportive political environment to help meet the community's needs after the water crisis. We will publicize to the Flint community and the nation the best practices that have emerged, outcomes that have been achieved, and the stories of hope and resiliency that have risen out of recovery efforts.



To achieve this, the Flint Kids Fund will advocate for the following:

- Long-term state and federal expansion of early education, literacy, and universal Pre-K programs.
- Long-term state and federal expansion of nurse home visits and school health programs.
- State and federal support and collaboration to develop, implement, and maintain a population-wide longitudinal health record and registry for Flint children.
- Community-wide initiatives to improve the social determinants of health, including education, employment, safety, and economic development.
- Elimination of child poverty.
- Programs that prevent children's exposure to lead from all sources.
- The coordination of services and information technology to improve child health and development outcomes.

In addition, the Flint Kids Fund will publicize and help to share information with the Flint community and the nation, through the following activities:

- Supporting the production of an annual report regarding the measures of Flint's children in cooperation other Flint agencies.
- Publishing stories of Flint's families that demonstrate their hope, resilience and ability to thrive.
- Sharing the robust assessment/research of child and program outcomes.
- Promoting best practices and community-based innovations to improve child health outcomes.
- Reporting on how to eliminate children's exposure to all environmental sources of lead.

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