

2023 REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

DEADLINE: SEPTEMBER 1, 2023



Flint Kids Fund
flintkids.org

PROGRAM OVERVIEW

FOCUS AREAS: The Flint Kids Fund will make grants in this round to support projects impacting:

- Improved access to a medical home and a child health team for all children to ensure, in part, all children are provided with robust developmental assessments and support
- Increases in family, social and emotional support, and parenting skills
- Special Projects

OVERVIEW: Since 2016 the Flint Kids Fund has invested over \$14 million 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 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 for a full list of current grantees.

FOCUS POPULATION: Flint school-aged children

FOCUS AREA 1: Improve access to a medical home and a child health team for all children to ensure, in part, all children are provided with robust developmental assessments and support.

Medical home access and utilization, from pregnancy throughout childhood, is critical for all Flint children—providing developmental screenings as well as opportunities to review and discuss a child’s physical, cognitive, emotional, and social development. Receiving continuous care via a patient centered medical home will also improve the ability to connect children with early interventions and supports to mitigate the impact of lead exposure and trauma. Prenatal care for women exposed to lead before or during pregnancy ensures a provider can monitor health and provide recommendations for reducing risk of complications associated with lead exposure. In 2017, greater Flint area children covered by Medicaid insurance utilized the hospital emergency department at a rate nearly three times that of commercially insured children, presenting a need to increase connectedness to use of a medical home. Since 2016, the Flint Kids Fund has granted over \$900,000 in the area of access to medical home. Funded projects have included Nurse Family Partnership, the Children’s Health Access Program and engagement and coordination support for Spanish-speaking residents.

Grant Range: Up to \$75,000

MEASURABLE OUTCOMES OF INTEREST:

access to medical home and developmental assessments and supports related priorities, include but are not limited to:

- Reduction in the number of children visiting the emergency department, and missed or no-show medical home appointments

- Increase in well-child visit rates and/or use of medical home prevention services
- Reduction of child/family barriers to accessing a medical home
- Increase in children reaching developmental milestones



FOCUS AREA 2: Increase family, social and emotional support, and parenting skills.

Exposure to lead can result in emotional and behavioral issues, even when there are low levels of exposure. Children exposed to lead have an increased risk of experiencing anxiety, depression, and aggressive behavior. Without a supportive environment and evidence-based interventions to reduce toxic stress and regulate emotions, children will struggle to maintain healthy relationships and succeed in school. Parenting skills and engagement are critical in creating safe and healthy environments for children. In 2017, 72% of Flint children lived in a single parent household, which can impact the access to social, emotional, and financial resources. Since 2016, the Flint Kids Fund has granted over \$3 million in the area of family social and emotional supports. Funded projects have included mindfulness, mobile mental health services, playgrounds for Flint youth, and programs to empower, connect and strengthen communication between families and service providers.

Grant Range: Up to \$75,000

MEASURABLE OUTCOMES OF INTEREST:

family, social, and emotional support, and parenting skills include, but are not limited to:

- Increase in children and parents accessing mental health services
- Improving service provider knowledge and skills in trauma-informed care and support
- Increase in children and parents receiving information and education regarding stress management and resiliency

FOCUS AREA 3: Special Projects

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 quality affordable housing. The Flint Kids Fund recognizes the need for unique solutions and partnerships to support the delivery of critical public health, medical, and community-based interventions for positive health outcomes for children and families. The Flint Kids Fund Special Projects Grants seek to support interventions and services to address the evolving and emerging needs of Flint kids and families, and sustainability and systems change for long-term support of Flint kids and families. Applicants seeking support for projects aligned with the Special Projects grant opportunity are welcome to apply.

Grant Range: Up to \$25,000



GRANT GUIDELINES

- 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 reapply.

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.
- 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.
- Grant applicants should articulate measurable outcomes.
- Grant applications to support projects implementing evidenced-based strategies that emphasize fund priorities are strongly encouraged.

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 swhitledge@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: The next RFP for 2024 grantmaking will be released Winter 2023.