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Funding for Palm Beach County nonprofits with innovative ideas for families with young children

Do you have a local nonprofit and a creative idea to help Palm Beach County families with young children? Do you need a financial boost to make it happen?

Children's Services Council of Palm Beach County is proud to announce the creation of Community-Driven Innovation (CDI) Services funding to give communities the chance to determine for themselves what services or supports they need. CSC recognizes that there are opportunities to increase family choice and engage more families by offering more flexible and innovative options, paired with the existing evidence-based models.

Nonprofits can apply for up to \$50,000 in annual funding for services that are driven by a community's self-identified needs, goals, and values and use innovative approaches. All funds must be used for services in Palm Beach County for Palm Beach County families, parents or caregivers raising young children from birth up to age 5.

"Through CDI funding, CSC wants to support communities in 'driving the process' of finding creative ways to offer services that address their community's needs in a more

effective, equitable and sustainable way,” said Shaundelyn Emerson, the Program Performance Lead Officer with Children’s Services Council of Palm Beach County.

Children’s Services Council is looking for services that are supportive of a community’s participation and empowerment and use innovative methods. Innovation should include practices that are:

- **Inclusive:** Thoughtfully identifying those needed to create the intended change and, whenever possible, including those directly affected by the issue. Meaningfully engaging key stakeholders.
- **Collaborative:** A true joint effort, with partners such as participants, content and context experts, providers and residents with lived experiences willing to share ownership and decision-making.
- **Resourceful:** Using existing assets creatively to make the most of what a community already has.

A critical foundational element of any community-driven and innovative service should include promoting equity and addressing disparities and systemic racism for children and families. CSC is looking for services with an equity emphasis that seeks to render justice by deeply considering structural factors that may benefit some social groups/communities and may harm others.

The Community-Driven Innovation (CDI) application and guidelines can be found at: <https://www.cscpbcc.org/types-funding>

A virtual information session for interested nonprofits will be held on Monday, February 1, at 9 a.m. A free Introduction to Grant-Writing virtual workshop will immediately follow.

For details about the workshop, go to: <https://www.cscpbcc.org/community-driven-innovation-services-fund>

For a nonprofit to qualify for CDI funding, it must:

- Have an annual operating budget (revenues) of less than \$1 million dollars,
- Not already receive direct funding from CSC in excess of \$100,000 annually through an existing contract or subcontract.
- Currently serve or is proposing to serve children birth to five (0-5) and their families in Palm Beach County,
- Have a license/registration number from the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services to solicit funds,
- Be in good standing with Internal Revenue Service (IRS) regulations and determined by the IRS as a nonprofit for at least two (2) consecutive years prior to the date of proposal submission.

Coalitions or collaboratives are eligible to apply, but only one organization may receive funding and must also meet the eligibility criteria. The applicant organization must have a significant role in the delivery of the service and not serve as just a ‘pass-through’ of funding.

?About Children’s Services Council of Palm Beach County:

Children’s Services Council of Palm Beach County — a special purpose government established by Palm Beach County voters in 1986 and reauthorized in 2014 — provides leadership, funding, services and research on behalf of the county’s children so they grow up healthy, safe and strong. For more information, visit www.cscpb.org.

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