

Q: Does the program need to be for both children and families?

A: No. It can be either or both.

Q: Is there a particular preference to age of target population?

A: No

Q: The categorized program or service targets are listed as 0-3 as kids and 4-12 as youth. Can we use both categories if program is for 0-8 year olds?

A: Yes

Q: Is there any consideration for working with other agencies?

A: No, as long as it works with your program.

Q: If we are submitting a proposal of collaborative effort, whose mission do we state?

A: The mission of the lead organization for the program.

Q: If an application involves multiple organizations will that carry more weight?

A: Only if you make the distinction that collaboration is the only way to accomplish goal.

Q: Are the eight core questions of the LOI rated the same?

A: Yes.

Q: Are there any other preferences that will help LOI?

A: No. Use the verbal anchors from the community information sessions. No more/no less.

Q: Should the mission and goals be for the program or the organization?

A: It should be for the organization whether or not it's only one program in the organization.

Q: Should the brief assessment be community-serving and community-based or only one of these?

A: It can be either or both. The bigger question is: Are New Haven socio-economically disadvantaged the direct beneficiary?

Q: How does the organization describe how it is seen in the community?

A: Use a brief self-assessment of the organization's status as a community-based or a community-serving organization including: a broad understanding of the organization's approach to serving disadvantaged children and families; demonstrated track record in providing programs or services; and, the organization's capacity to carry out its mission and goals.

Q: With regard to having residents on the board, do the residents have to be disadvantaged or can they be part of upper classes?

A: The important issue is how much the people you serve are included in the process of the services provided.

Q: Is quantity of grant request amount important?

A: Quantity is not a factor to us.

Q: Will grant be awarded for less money than requested?

A: No. We don't change grant amount requested.

Q: Does Casey want budgets for both the main program and the part for which we are seeking funding?

A: Yes, both.

Q: How much of grant amount requested can be put towards overhead costs?

A: Overhead/administrative costs should be limited to 5 percent.

Q: Where does the sustainability of this grant money end?

A: This grant should not be looked at as a sustainable grant.

Q: How will Casey be able to figure out which organizations need grant funds to sustain its life?

A: We may not be able to attain this information through the LOI. We need the yearly budget and the program budget.

Q: Will the information given by LOI reviewers regarding application's strengths and weaknesses be available?

A: Yes. We plan on providing feedback for all applicants who submit proposals.

Q: Will successful proposals be available for others to see?

A: No.

Q: What will be expected from grantees?

A: A six-month report, an annual report, a budget report and a site visit.

Q: There is a lack of resources to document outcomes. Will Casey have technical assistance training to help with this?

A: We would like to have trainings to define the outcomes.

Q: Does Casey's current mailing list cover key areas and all companies?

A: We hope it will by the next grant year

Q: Will another grant program be set up?

A: We are thinking about relationships with local funders to create a collaborative effort for New Haven.

For More Information

Casey Family Services has a New Haven Direct Services Grants Information Line. Organizations can call (203) 401-6963 and ask to be placed on the mailing list for application guidelines, or receive general information. Organizations may also call Charlene Blatter at (203) 401-6965. The mailing address is Casey Family Services, New Haven Direct Services Grants Program, 127 Church Street, New Haven, CT 06510.