



## Good Beginnings Mini-Grant Application

### **Background**

**Prevent Child Abuse West Virginia** (PCAWV) is a state chapter of Prevent Child Abuse America, a national leader in building awareness, providing education, and inspiring hope in everyone involved in the effort to prevent child abuse and neglect. PCAWV is a program of TEAM for WV Children, a nonprofit organization that has been working with communities and families since 1986 to promote and advance the well-being of children, making their needs and healthy development a priority.

With funding support from the WV Department of Health & Human Resources, PCAWV is pleased to offer **Good Beginnings Mini-Grants** to support community-based child abuse and neglect prevention activities during the upcoming year. The goal of the Mini-Grants is to support one-time projects and serve as a catalyst for additional community-based prevention activities throughout the state. The guiding principle for the program is that everyone has a role in preventing child abuse and success depends upon having as many organizations, agencies, community groups and individuals working together as possible.

All projects are required to focus on primary prevention (activities aimed at the general population to prevent abuse and neglect before it occurs). Information about various evidence-based research findings and strategies that build family protective factors and prevent the occurrence of child abuse and neglect is available online at <http://www.preventchildabusewv.org> and <https://www.childwelfare.gov/topics/prevention/> to help applicants design their proposed projects.

### **General Information**

- Good Beginnings Mini-Grants will be awarded to support a variety of community-based projects aimed at preventing child abuse or neglect.
- Each project should be carefully designed with creative strategies for preventing or reducing the occurrence of child abuse or neglect.
- Up to 10 grants of up to \$1,000 per program will be awarded.
- The purpose of this grant program is primary prevention of child abuse and neglect.
- Applicants must be located in West Virginia and provide services to residents of West Virginia.
- Mini Grants are available to community-based organizations, public or private non-profit or faith-based organizations, or government agencies (e.g. schools or health departments), that provide community-based programs for children and families.
- Applicants may submit only one proposal for the Good Beginnings Mini-Grant program this funding cycle.
- Funding term per grant is 5 months: Feb. 1, 2024 through June 30, 2024.

#### **For more information contact:**

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**Application Deadline is Feb. 19, 2024**

## Good Beginnings Mini-Grant Application Form

Name of Applicant Organization: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Person: \_\_\_\_\_

Project Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Total Project Cost: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Amount Requested: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Specific communities, counties, to be served: \_\_\_\_\_

Provide a brief description of your project:

*Various research studies have identified the following evidence-based protective factors for children and their families, which help strengthen families and prevent the occurrence of child abuse and neglect. Please indicate the primary protective factor that will be addressed by your project. Additional information about these protective factors and effective prevention strategies is available online at <http://www.strengtheningfamilies.net>.*

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| <b>Knowledge of parenting and child development</b> | <b>Social Connections</b> | <b>Concrete supports in times of need</b> | <b>Parental Resilience</b> | <b>Social and emotional competence of children</b> |
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\_\_\_\_\_  
Applicant Signature (Please type name if submitting electronically.)

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Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Fiscal Agent Signature (if different from applicant)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

## **Project Information**

**Project Approach.** Describe how your project will build upon protective factors to strengthen families and prevent the occurrence of child abuse and neglect. How will parents, children, family members, and the public be involved in the planning and/or implementation of your proposed activities and services.

**Project / Activity Name.**

**Population(s) Served.** Identify the people who will receive your services or benefit from your proposed project.

**Needs to be Addressed / Strengths to be Enhanced.** What are the participants' needs and/or strengths that this program intends to address?

**Activities.** Describe the activities that will be implemented with grant funds.

**Project Feedback.** Please describe your plan to collect feedback or evaluate your grant project(s).

**Good Beginnings Proposed Budget (February 1, 2024 – June 30, 2024)**

<b>Line Item:</b>	<b>Grant Amount</b>	<b>Local Match * (Not Required)</b>	<b>Total Amount</b>
A. Personnel and fringe benefits			
B. Office expense			
C. Contractual services			
D. Travel (mileage, meals, lodging)			
E. Family/youth stipends			
F. Other expenses (Describe)			
H. Administrative costs			
<b>TOTAL BUDGET</b>			

*\*Match, cash, or in-kind costs are not required, but should be noted if available. List non-federal sources of match.*

**Budget Requirements**

- Administrative costs may not exceed 10% of the total of all direct costs. The maximum amount allowed for administration of a \$1,000 grant is \$90.
- Grant funds may not be used for any activities intended to influence legislation or elections; bad debts; depreciation; fines or penalties; and interest or other financial costs.

**Proposals should be submitted electronically via email to:**

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**Applications must be received by Feb. 19, 2024.**

*Questions should be directed to Jessica Dianellos at 304-552-4000 or [jessica@teamwv.org](mailto:jessica@teamwv.org).*