

Notice of Funding Opportunity
Application due Monday, August 17, 2026



Administration of Children, Youth and Families
Children's Bureau

Title IV-E Prevention Accelerator Grants

Opportunity number: HHS-2026-ACF-ACYF-CA-0061



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Before you begin

If you believe you are a good candidate for this funding opportunity, secure your [SAM.gov](#) and [Grants.gov](#) registrations now. If you are already registered, make sure your registrations are active and up to date.

SAM.gov registration (this can take several weeks)

You must have an active account with SAM.gov. This includes having a Unique Entity Identifier (UEI).

[See Step 2: Get Ready to Apply](#)

Grants.gov registration (this can take several days)

You must have an active Grants.gov registration. Doing so requires a Login.gov registration as well.

[See Step 2: Get Ready to Apply](#)

Apply by the application due date

Applications are due by 11:59 p.m. Eastern Time on Monday, August 17, 2026.



To help you find what you need, this NOFO uses internal links. In Adobe Reader, you can go back to where you were by pressing Alt + Left Arrow (Windows) or Command + Left Arrow (Mac) on your keyboard.



Step 1:

Review the Opportunity

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Basic information

Administration for Children and Families (ACF)

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This program will help states accelerate implementation of title IV-E prevention services, build claiming infrastructure, and ensure the sustainability of prevention services.

Summary

Despite expanded authority under the Family First Prevention Services Act, title IV-E prevention services account for less than 2% of total program claims. Many title IV-E agencies face implementation barriers including limited infrastructure, provider readiness, evaluation capacity, and complex claiming requirements. The [title IV-E prevention program](#) offers a critical opportunity for states to provide in-home parent skills, mental health, and substance use prevention and treatment programs — strengthening families and reducing the need for foster care removals; however, child welfare systems face barriers to fulfilling the program's promise. There is an urgent need for jurisdictions to efficiently build the infrastructure required to implement and claim title IV-E prevention services.

Awards under this funding opportunity will support the design, implementation, and evaluation of system-level solutions that strengthen agency capacity and address implementation challenges. Funding is intended to accelerate agency implementation of one or more title IV-E eligible prevention services. Recipients will also disseminate tools, best practices, and lessons learned, and will collaborate nationally to promote shared learning.

Recipients will be expected to:

- Select for implementation one or more Clearinghouse-rated prevention services that are either new to the title IV-E prevention plan or not yet fully operationalized within their current title IV-E prevention plan or statewide service array.
- Build title IV-E claiming and reimbursement systems.
- Develop provider capacity and referral pathways.
- Establish data and reporting infrastructure.
- Disseminate knowledge to support jurisdictions nationwide.



Have questions?

See [Contacts and Support](#).

Key facts

Opportunity name:

Title IV-E Prevention
Accelerator Grants

Opportunity number:

HHS-2026-ACF-ACYF-
CA-0061

Federal assistance listing:

93.670 – Child Abuse and
Neglect Discretionary
Activities

NOFO version: Original

Key dates

Application

submission deadline:

August 17, 2026

Expected project

start date:

September 30, 2026

See [intergovernmental](#)

[review](#) for other
submission processes that
may apply to this NOFO.

Added services must advance the broader goal of reducing the number of kids entering foster care to increase a state's ratio of foster homes to kids.

Award recipients will work with an internal or external evaluator to provide feedback as they prepare to implement the program(s) and share lessons learned with the field. Each recipient must also establish and implement a performance measurement to assess progress and overall impact of the award.

Recipients must demonstrate a long-term sustainability plan. ACF is particularly interested in supporting recipients in efforts to build services and infrastructure that will transition to title IV-E reimbursement within 18 months. By the end of the performance period, ACF expects award recipients to have launched new prevention services and begun title IV-E claiming for new prevention services. Ultimately, longer term outcomes include expanding access to evidence-based prevention services; increasing their state's title IV-E prevention spending share; and reducing the number of children entering foster care (e.g., increase the ratio of foster homes to children in need of foster homes).

This is a multi-application funding opportunity. You must choose one of the following application pathways:

- State or Territorial Title IV-E Prevention Accelerator
- Tribal Title IV-E Prevention Accelerator

Funding details

Type: Grant

Expected total program funding: \$7,500,000

Total expected awards: 10

Minimum award amount (award floor): \$300,000

Maximum award amount (award ceiling): \$750,000

This is full funding. We plan to fund an 18-month project period with one budget period.

The recipient is required to complete all project activities and obligate all awarded funds within the approved period of performance. No-cost extensions will not be offered or approved.

Awards made under this funding opportunity are subject to federal funds availability.

Eligibility

Eligible applicants

State, territorial, or tribal government child welfare title IV-E agencies.

Disqualifying factors

We will review your application to make sure it meets these responsiveness requirements.

We won't consider an application that:

- Requests funding above the [award ceiling](#).
- Is submitted after the [deadline](#).
- Is from an individual (including a sole proprietorship), a federal entity, or a foreign entity.
- Is received in paper format that didn't have a previously approved exemption from ACF.

Application limits

If you submit the same application more than once under this notice of funding opportunity (NOFO), we will only acknowledge the last on-time submission.

Title IV-E agencies may only submit one application.

Cost sharing

This program has no cost-sharing requirement, meaning you do not need to contribute to the costs of this project.

If you choose to include cost-sharing funds, we won't consider it during review. If you receive an award, we will include your voluntary commitment in the award, and you must report on the funds. If you don't provide your promised amount, we may have to decrease your award amount or use other enforcement actions.

Post-award requirements

Before you apply, make sure you understand the requirements that come with an award.

See [Step 6: Learn What Happens After Award](#) for information on regulations that apply, reporting, and more.

Statutory authority

The Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment and Adoption Reform Act of 1978 ([42 U.S.C. 5106a](#))

Agency priorities

Required alignment with ACF vision, mission, values, priorities, and guiding principles

The recipient of this award must implement any funds awarded under this NOFO to effectuate program goals or agency priorities in accordance with [ACF's vision, mission, values, priorities, and guiding principles](#) when authorized. Funded activities must advance ACF's vision of resilient, safe, healthy, and economically secure children, youth, families, and communities, and support ACF's mission to foster health and well-being through effective, accountable, and compassionate human services when awarded in any programs that authorize these priorities.

Consistent with ACF's values, in carrying out any project that is funded under this NOFO, the recipient is required to adhere to the following principle:

1. **Program Integrity and Fiscal Stewardship:** Administer funds in accordance with all applicable federal statutes, regulations, and award conditions; maintain strong internal controls; and prevent waste, fraud, and abuse.

The recipient is also required to adhere to the following principles when consistent with the authority and scope of the award and its activities:

2. **Evidence-Based and Outcome-Focused Practices:** Design and deliver services using evidence-based or evidence-informed approaches, establish measurable performance goals, and use data to monitor outcomes and drive continuous improvement.
3. **Partnership and Local Leadership:** Coordinate with state, tribal, territorial, local, and community partners, as appropriate, and tailor services to meet community-identified needs while respecting local decision-making authority.

In addition, in keeping with ACF's priorities, the recipient must administer any project that is awarded under this NOFO in accordance with the following objectives when consistent with the scope of the award and its activities in programs that are authorized to advance them:

4. **Family Stability and Child Well-Being:** Strengthen families, promote safe and stable home environments, and improve outcomes for children and youth through prevention-focused and developmentally appropriate services.
5. **Work, Self-Sufficiency, and Economic Mobility:** Support pathways to employment, job retention, and economic independence for individuals and

families, including through workforce development, education, and supportive services.

6. **High-Quality Early Care and Learning:** Where applicable, invest in high-quality early childhood programs that support school readiness, healthy development, and long-term success.

The recipient must demonstrate ongoing compliance with these values and priorities, in all programs that are authorized to advance them, through program design, implementation, reporting, and evaluation. Failure to meaningfully align funded activities with the applicable requirements may result in corrective action, additional reporting requirements, or other enforcement actions consistent with federal grant regulations found at 2 CFR Part 200 and the terms and conditions of this award.

Program description

Background

The goal of this program is to accelerate the implementation of prevention services under the title IV-E prevention program. Recipients will strengthen agency-level capacity to draw down sustainable title IV-E funding for prevention services within 18 months.

The Family First Prevention Services Act (FFPSA) title IV-E prevention program, signed by President Trump, represents a landmark federal commitment to working with children and families to prevent foster care placements and, where possible, the trauma of unnecessary parent-child separation. The program is critical to the success of ACF's broader [A Home for Every Child](#) initiative — a bipartisan effort to increase the number of licensed foster homes relative to children in care — as it provides a critical funding mechanism for states to deliver needed services to families, prevent child maltreatment, and reduce the need for foster care placements. The Children's Bureau (CB) has strongly encouraged all title IV-E child welfare agencies to take full advantage of this initiative.

This program supports the ACF Priority Area of Ensuring Value Alignment in Funding. It reflects ACF's commitment to evidence-based, outcome-focused practice to improve family stability and child well-being. This program advances the goals of FFPSA title IV-E prevention program by supporting rapid translation of title IV-E eligible prevention services into real-world practice while building the infrastructure needed for long-term financing, data-driven oversight, and service sustainability.

Project requirements

Award recipients will identify at least one new title IV-E eligible prevention service, or at least one service that is not yet fully operationalized within their current title IV-E prevention plan or statewide service array. Awards will support a coordinated set of implementation activities, including the development or enhancement of title IV-E claiming infrastructure, reimbursement and financing strategies for programs such as Medicaid or other federal and state programs, and the establishment of sustainable provider networks and referral pathways. Recipients will also build or refine data systems to support eligibility determination, claims processing, service delivery tracking, and outcome measurement. In parallel, title IV-E agencies will be expected to engage in title IV-E plan amendment development and submission activities necessary to support the newly implemented services and associated financing structures. Award

recipients may also use funds to develop plans to evaluate programs and services as part of their title IV-E prevention plans.

Award recipients will work with an internal or external evaluator to provide rapid and real-time feedback as they prepare to implement the program(s) and share lessons learned with the field.

Award recipients will be expected to participate in a learning community with other award recipients.

Program objectives

The objectives of this program are to:

- Accelerate the implementation of Clearinghouse-rated, evidence-based prevention and tribal services under the title IV-E prevention program.
- Strengthen agency-level capacity to create sustainable prevention services within 18 months of award.
- Build the operational, financial, and data infrastructure needed to implement and provide title IV-E prevention services at scale.
- Improve coordination between child welfare agencies and other public funding streams, including Medicaid and other federal and state benefit programs.
- Expand access to evidence-based prevention services for children and families at risk of foster care entry.
- Generate, test, and disseminate tools, best practices, and lessons learned to support jurisdictions nationwide.

Program activities

Recipients must carry out the following five core activity areas:

1. Selection and Implementation of Evidence-Based Prevention Services

Recipients will select and implement one or more title IV-E eligible prevention services that are new to the prevention plan, or that is not yet fully operationalized within their current title IV-E prevention plan or statewide service array.

Activities should include:

- Conducting a readiness assessment to evaluate agency infrastructure, staffing, provider availability, and data capacity prior to implementation.
- Selecting prevention services appropriate to the population served and consistent with the agency's five-year plan goals.

- Developing or refining implementation plans, including timelines, staffing structures, and service delivery protocols.
- Identifying and formalizing partnerships with service providers, community organizations, and other stakeholders needed to support service delivery.
- Completing or amending title IV-E prevention five-year plans to incorporate newly selected services and associated financing structures.
- Ensuring that all selected services advance the broader goal of reducing the number of children entering foster care.

2. Title IV-E Prevention Claiming and Reimbursement Infrastructure

Recipients will develop or enhance the systems and processes required to successfully claim title IV-E reimbursement for prevention services.

Activities should include:

- Developing or refining title IV-E claiming workflows, including eligibility determination processes, documentation requirements, and claims submission procedures.
- Establishing or updating cost allocation plans, rate structures, and reimbursement methodologies consistent with federal requirements.
- Formalizing coordination and claiming protocols with other federal and state funding streams, including Medicaid and other public benefit programs, to maximize braided or blended financing strategies.
- Conducting staff training on title IV-E claiming procedures, eligibility criteria, and documentation standards.
- Demonstrating a clear transition plan for how services and claiming infrastructure will be sustained through title IV-E reimbursement within 18 months of award.

3. Provider Capacity and Referral Pathways

Recipients will build and formalize the provider networks and referral infrastructure needed to deliver title IV-E eligible prevention services at scale.

Activities should include:

- Identifying, recruiting, onboarding, and contracting with qualified service providers capable of delivering eligible prevention services.
- Assessing provider readiness, including workforce capacity, training needs, and organizational infrastructure.
- Developing and delivering training, coaching, and ongoing support to providers.
- Establishing clear referral pathways and eligibility screening processes to connect families to prevention services in a timely and consistent manner.

- Developing or refining provider contracts, performance standards, and quality assurance mechanisms.
- Building provider capacity to meet title IV-E documentation and reporting requirements necessary to support claiming and title IV-E program requirements.

4. Data, Reporting, and Compliance Infrastructure

Recipients will build or enhance data systems to support eligibility determination, service delivery tracking, claims processing, and outcome measurement.

Activities should include:

- Developing or adapting data systems to capture title IV-E eligibility information, service delivery records, and outcomes data required for compliance and evaluation.
- Establishing data governance protocols, including data sharing agreements with providers and partner agencies.
- Aligning data infrastructure with state or tribal SACWIS/CCWIS systems and Medicaid data systems, as applicable.
- Building reporting capacity to meet existing federal reporting requirements and support continuous quality improvement.
- Ensuring data systems are capable of tracking progress toward performance targets and impact.

5. Dissemination and Knowledge Sharing

Recipients will document and share implementation experiences, tools, and lessons learned to support jurisdictions nationwide.

Deliverables may include:

- Documentation of title IV-E claiming processes, financing strategies, and lessons learned.
- Case studies and narratives describing implementation successes and challenges.
- Peer learning events, and presentations for a national audience.
- Participation in a national learning community with other award recipients, including quarterly convenings facilitated by ACF to share progress, coordinate approaches, and develop common resources where appropriate.

Project performance evaluation plan

Each recipient must establish and implement a performance measurement framework to assess progress and impact of the award.

Performance measures may apply at the service, agency or system level. Measures must be clearly defined and supported by processes for data collection, reporting, and use across partners.

Performance Measurement

Recipients are expected to establish and implement performance measurement approaches that include outcome and systems measures, as appropriate. ACF is particularly interested in the following areas (recipients may track additional or alternative measures that align with their approved work plan):

Outcome Measures:

- Initiation and volume of title IV-E claims submitted for new prevention services.
- Number of families served by newly implemented prevention services.
- Provider readiness and capacity improvements over time.
- Improved coordination between child welfare and other public funding systems, including Medicaid or other federal and state programs.
- Reductions in the number of children entering foster care among families receiving prevention services.

Systems Measures:

- Improvements in data quality and completeness to support title IV-E compliance and evaluation.
- Level of integration of claiming and data systems into agency workflows.
- Sustainability of services and infrastructure beyond the project period, including transition to title IV-E reimbursement.
- Scalability and replicability of financing and implementation approaches across jurisdictions.

Evaluation Requirements

Recipients must work with an internal or external evaluator to evaluate effectiveness of strategies implemented and provide feedback throughout the performance period. The evaluator's role is to support learning and improvement so that findings can be shared with the field.

Evaluation activities should include:

- Documenting implementation progress, successes, and challenges in real time.
- Measuring short- and longer-term outcomes consistent with program objectives.
- Producing and disseminating reports, briefs, or other products that contribute to the national knowledge base on title IV-E prevention implementation.

Sustainability Requirements

Recipients must demonstrate long-term sustainability, specifically how services and infrastructure will transition to title IV-E reimbursement within 18 months.

Sustainability plans must address:

- How title IV-E claiming will be operationalized and maintained after the project period.
- How provider networks and referral pathways will be sustained through ongoing contracts or agreements.
- How data and reporting infrastructure will be maintained and integrated into agency operations.
- How the agency will continue to expand access to evidence-based prevention services beyond the project period.

The anticipated outputs include the launch or expansion of title IV-E prevention service implementation, operational title IV-E claiming systems, formalized coordination and claiming protocols with federal and state funding streams including Medicaid and other public benefit programs, trained provider networks, and functioning data infrastructure capable of supporting compliance and evaluation requirements. These outputs are intended to rapidly transition states from planning to execution, reducing delays in implementation of evidence-based prevention services.

Expected short-term outcomes include initiation of title IV-E claims for the prevention services, improved coordination between child welfare and public-benefit programs, including Medicaid systems or other federal and state programs, increased provider readiness and capacity, and expanded access to prevention services for children and families identified as candidates for foster care. Ultimately, longer-term outcomes are expected to include sustained federal reimbursement for prevention services, increased state prevention spending, broader availability of evidence-based services, reductions in entry to congregate and foster care placements, and strengthened integrated financing systems across child welfare and behavioral health.

Funding policies and limitations

Changes in HHS regulations

As of October 1, 2025, HHS adopted [2 CFR 200](#), with some exceptions included in [2 CFR 300](#). These regulations replace those in 45 CFR 75.

General policies

- We will only make awards if this program receives funding. If Congress appropriates funds for this purpose, we will move forward with the review and award process.
- Support beyond the first budget period will depend on:
 - Satisfactory progress in meeting your project's objectives.
 - A decision that continued funding is in the government's best interest.
- If we receive more funding for this program, we will consider:
 - Funding more applicants.
 - Extending the period of performance.
 - Awarding supplemental funding.
- To the extent permitted by law, including any relevant court orders, you may not use funds from this NOFO for any diversity, equity, inclusion, and accessibility (DEI and DEIA) activities. This includes:
 - DEI- or DEIA-related research.
 - Activities that discriminate or show preference based on race, color, religion, sex, national origin, or other protected traits.
 - Any efforts that promote a "discriminatory equity ideology."
 - To the extent permitted by law, including any relevant court orders, ACF will also not allow funds awarded under this NOFO to support any services or activities that inculcate or promote gender ideology.

For guidance on other types of costs that we restrict or do not allow, see General Provisions for Selected Items of Costs of the Uniform Guidance, [2 CFR part 200](#).

Program-specific limitations and policies

We do not allow the following costs under this notice of funding opportunity (NOFO):

- Construction.
- Purchase of real property.
- Major renovation.
- Pre-award costs.
- Data and reporting infrastructure not related to title IV-E claiming, reimbursement, and referral pathways.

Indirect costs

Indirect costs are those shared across multiple projects and not easily separated.

To charge indirect costs you can select one of two methods:

Method 1 — Approved rate. If you currently have an indirect cost rate approved by your cognizant federal agency, you may use that rate.

Method 2 — *De minimis* rate. If you do not have a negotiated indirect cost rate, you may elect to charge a *de minimis* rate (see [2 CFR 200.414\(f\)](#)). This rate may be up to 15% of modified total direct costs (MTDC). See the definition of MTDC ([2 CFR 200.1](#)). You can use this rate indefinitely.

You may not charge costs included in your indirect cost pool as direct costs.

Subawards

As the prime recipient, you must maintain a substantive role in the project. This means that you conduct funded activities and provide services necessary and integral to completing the project.

Monitoring your subrecipient's activities alone as described in [2 CFR 200.332](#) is not a substantive role.

We do not fund awards where your role is primarily a conduit for passing funds to other organizations unless that arrangement is authorized by statute.

All subrecipients must have a Unique Entity Identifier (UEI) through the System for Award Management (SAM.gov).

Subrecipients must meet the [eligibility requirements](#) of this NOFO.

Salary rate limitation

The salary rate limitation in the current appropriations act applies to this program. You may not use awarded funds to pay a salary at a higher rate than the rate for Executive Level II.

For the Executive Level II salary, please see [the Office of Personnel Management information on executive and senior level employee pay](#).

The salary limitation reflects a person's base salary (including any portion of the salary that is paid with indirect costs). It does not include fringe benefits or any income the person is allowed to earn outside of the duties of the applicant organization.

This salary limitation also applies to subawards, contracts, and subcontracts under an ACF grant or cooperative agreement.



Step 2:

Get Ready to Apply

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Find the application package

The application package has all the forms you need to apply. You can find it at this NOFO's Grants.gov opportunity page. Then select the Package tab.

This NOFO has multiple "Grant Opportunity Packages" reflecting each priority area.

Note: Do NOT use the *Apply* button on the *View Grant Opportunity* screen.

1. Click on the Package tab.
2. Scroll down and identify the Grant Opportunity Package you want to apply to using the competition title.
3. Click the **Apply** hyperlink in the "Actions" column. You will be directed to the Apply for Grant Opportunity page.
4. Click on the red Apply button. This Apply button will take you to Grants.gov to login and submit your application.
5. Follow the guidance for applying and uploading the application and associated documents.

We recommend that you select the **Subscribe button** from the View Grant Opportunity page for this NOFO to get updates.

If you can't use Grants.gov to download application materials or have other technical difficulties, including issues with application submission, [contact Grants.gov](#) for assistance.

Get registered

SAM.gov

You must have an active account with SAM.gov to apply. SAM.gov registration can take several weeks. Begin that process today.

To register:

- Go to [SAM.gov Entity Registration](#) and select Get Started. From the same page, you can also select the Entity Registration Checklist for the information you will need to register.
- You must agree to the [financial assistance general certifications and representations \[PDF\]](#) specifically. Those for contracts are different.

When you register, you will also receive your required Unique Entity Identifier (UEI).

Once you register:

- You will have to maintain your registration throughout the life of any award.
- If your organization has multiple UEIs, use the one associated with your physical location.

Grants.gov

You must also have an active account with [Grants.gov](#). You can see step-by-step instructions at the Grants.gov [Quick Start Guide for Applicants](#).

Need help? See [Contacts and Support](#).

Learn more

Visit [Applying for an ACF Grant Award](#) on the ACF Grants page.



Step 3:

Build Your Application

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Application checklist

Make sure that you have everything you need to apply. You will find the forms in Grants.gov.

File one: Narratives

Use the Project Narrative Attachment form.

Component	Included in page limit?
☐ Table of contents	Yes
☐ Project summary	Yes
☐ Project narrative	Yes
☐ Line-item budget and budget narrative	Yes

File two: Attachments

Insert each in a single Other Attachments form.

Component	Included in page limit?
☐ ACF priorities alignment attestation	No
☐ Indirect cost agreement	Yes
☐ Organizational capacity supporting information (including organization chart)	Yes
☐ Third-party agreements	Yes

Standard forms

Use each required form in Grants.gov.

Component	Included in page limit?
☐ Project Abstract Summary	No
☐ Application for Federal Assistance (SF-424)	No
☐ Budget Information for Non-Construction Programs (SF-424A)	No
☐ Assurances for Non-Construction Programs (SF-424B)	No
☐ Key Contacts	No
☐ Grants.gov Lobbying form	No
☐ Disclosure of Lobbying Activities (SF-LLL)	No
☐ Project/Performance Site Location(s) (SF-P/PSL)	No

Application contents and format

You will submit two files plus the [standard forms](#) in the application package.

Your organization's authorized official must certify your application.

Required format

Page limit for file one and file two combined: 75 pages

File format: Portable Document Format (PDF) is recommended, but not required. ACF supports the following file formats when you attach files to the Project Narrative Attachment form and the Other Attachments form:

Accepted file formats

- Adobe PDF (.pdf)
- Microsoft Word (.doc or .docx)
- Microsoft Excel (.xls or .xlsx)
- Microsoft PowerPoint (.ppt)
- Image formats (.JPG, .GIF, .TIFF, or .BMP only)

Document formats

Paper size: 8 ½ inches x 11 inches

Margins: 1 inch all around

Language: English

If possible, include page numbers.

Do not include external links to information you want reviewers to assess because reviewers will score the application solely on information provided in the application.

Fonts

Font: Times New Roman

Color: Black

Size: 12-point font

Footnotes and text in tables and graphics may be 10-point.

Spacing

Table of contents: Must be single-spaced

Project summary: Must be single-spaced

Project narrative: Must be double-spaced

Line-item budget and budget narrative: Can be single-spaced

Attachments: Can be single-spaced

Tables and footnotes throughout: Can be single-spaced

See [disqualifying factors](#) to understand what may disqualify your application from consideration.

File one: Narratives

To submit file one, you will use the Project Narrative Attachment form found in the Grants.gov application package for this NOFO.

This file includes:

- Table of contents.
- Project summary, one page.
- Project narrative.
- Line-item budget and budget narrative.

Table of contents

At the beginning of file one, insert a table of contents that guides a reader through the contents of both files in your application. If possible, include links to the relevant content in file one.

Project summary

Provide a one-page summary of the project description. Do not cross-reference to other parts of your application. The summary must include:

- At the top, the project title, applicant name, address, phone numbers, email addresses, and any website URL.
- A brief description of the project, including the needs and population you will address, your proposed services or research questions.

Project narrative

The project narrative is where you address all your proposed activities. It is a critical section of your application, which we evaluate using [merit review criteria](#) and rank based on application scores.

Remember that substance and measurable outcomes are more important than length. We are particularly interested in project narratives that convey strategies for achieving intended performance.

In it, you must:

- Explain how the project will meet the purpose of the NOFO, as described in [the program description section](#).
- Make sure your narrative is clear, concise, and complete.
- Use cross-referencing rather than repetition.
- Be sure to include any required supporting documents noted. You generally provide these in your [attachments](#).
- Use the headings and order of the sections that follow.

Purpose and need

Content? Geographic location? Objective?

Response

Approach

Outline your action plan. Describe the scope of your proposed project and describe in detail how you will accomplish it. Account for all functions or activities you identify in your application.

Explain potential obstacles and challenges to accomplishing your project goals. Explain the strategies you will use to address them.

You must describe a clear, feasible, and well-organized approach to achieving the objectives of this award. Your approach should be organized by objective and explain how the activities you propose will achieve the intended outcomes. The approach should include a project-wide implementation timeline identifying key milestones, deliverables, and decision points across all objectives and core program activities during the 18-month project period.

Propose an approach that addresses all core program activities. Within the organization of your approach by objective, you must clearly describe how the following program activities will be carried out:

1. **Selection and implementation of evidence-based prevention services:** Identify the title IV-E eligible prevention service(s), describe readiness assessment activities conducted or planned to support implementation, explain why the selected service(s) are appropriate for your population and aligned with your five-year plan goals, and describe the key activities and timelines.
2. **Title IV-E claiming and reimbursement infrastructure:** Describe how you will develop or enhance title IV-E claiming systems, establish eligibility determination

and documentation processes, and coordinate with other federal and state funding streams to support sustainable reimbursement within 18 months of award.

3. **Provider capacity and referral pathways:** Explain how you will identify, recruit, onboard, train, coach, and support qualified providers; describe workforce development and quality assurance activities that will ensure fidelity and service quality, and describe the referral processes you will establish to connect eligible families to services in a timely and consistent manner.
4. **Data, reporting, and compliance infrastructure:** Describe how you will build or adapt data systems to support title IV-E eligibility determination, service delivery tracking, claims processing, reimbursement monitoring, and outcome measurement, and explain how these systems will integrate with existing agency and partner data infrastructure.
5. **Dissemination and knowledge sharing:** Explain how you will document implementation experiences and lessons learned, develop tools and resources adaptable for use by other jurisdictions, and participate in the national learning community to contribute to a shared knowledge base on title IV-E prevention implementation.

You should focus on how these activities will be implemented and integrated, rather than restating the program requirements. All program activities must be implemented in alignment with the project performance evaluation plan requirements described in the program description.

Project timeline and milestones

Provide a timeline for your project that includes milestones. To do so:

- Organize the information by task and subtask, showing related milestones.
- Provide monthly or quarterly quantitative projections for tasks you plan to complete and by when. For example, provide the number of people you plan to serve or the number of a certain activity you plan to complete by a specific date.
- Provide target dates for activities you can't quantify.
- Cover the full period of performance in your timeline.

Impact

Project performance evaluation plan

Describe how you will evaluate your project's performance and how it will contribute to continuous quality improvement. This plan must describe:

- How you will monitor ongoing activities and progress toward the project's goals and objectives.

- The inputs, key activities, and expected outcomes of the funded activities. Inputs might include your collaborative partners, key staff, budget, service processes, or other resources.
- How you will measure the inputs, activities, and outcomes.
- How you will use the resulting information to improve your funded activities.
- Any processes that support overall data quality.
- The organizational systems and processes you will use to track performance outcomes.
- How your organization will collect and manage data in a way that allows for accurate and timely reporting of performance outcomes. This might include assigned skilled staff, data management software, and data integrity.
- Any potential obstacles to implementing the project performance evaluation and how you will address them.
- A timeline for how you will review information from the performance evaluation and apply it to your ongoing project.

Expected outcomes

Identify the outcomes you plan to achieve from the project. Outcomes should relate to the overall program as described in the [program description section](#). If research is part of the proposed work, outcomes must include hypothesized results and implications of the proposed research.

Resources and capabilities

Organizational capacity

Provide the following information for your full project team, including the applicant organization and any cooperating partners, contractors, and subrecipients:

- Provide evidence that your team has the relevant experience and expertise needed to carry out your project.
- Describe your team's experience (including any partnering organizations) with administering, developing, implementing, managing, and evaluating similar projects.
- Provide evidence that your team, including partnering organizations, has the organizational capability to fulfill their roles and functions effectively.
- You must disclose your plan to enter into subaward agreements. If planning subawards, describe the work each subrecipient will complete.
- Provide evidence that necessary providers intend to partner with the agency to implement stated prevention service(s).

- Provide some supporting information in the organizational capacity supporting information section of your [attachments](#).

Plan for oversight of federal award funds and activities

You must ensure proper award oversight. The regulation that governs this oversight is [2 CFR part 200](#). It includes standards for:

- Financial and program management.
- Property management.
- Procurement.
- Performance and financial monitoring and reporting.
- Subrecipient monitoring and management.
- Record retention and access.
- Remedies for noncompliance.
- Prior written approval.

Describe your framework to make sure that your federal funds and activities have proper oversight. Include:

- A description of the governance, policies and procedures, and systems you use for record-keeping and financial management.
- A description of the procedures you use to identify and mitigate risks and issues. These might include audit findings, continuous performance assessment findings, and monitoring.
- The key staff who will be responsible for maintaining oversight of program staff and any partners or subrecipients.

Project sustainability plan

You must propose a plan for project sustainability after the period of federal funding ends. We expect you to sustain key elements of your project. These elements can include strategies or services and interventions that have improved practices and outcomes.

- Provide an approach to project sustainability that is effective and feasible. Describe:
 - The key people and organizations whose support you will require.
 - The types of alternative support you will require to maintain the project.
- If the proposed project involves key project partners, describe how you will maintain their cooperation or collaboration after the federal funding ends.

Line-item budget and budget narrative

The line-item budget and budget justification support the information you provide in the Budget Information Standard Form SF-424A.

HHS now uses the definitions for [equipment](#) and [supplies](#) in [2 CFR 200.1](#). The new definitions change the threshold for equipment to the lesser of the recipient's capitalization level or \$10,000 and the threshold for supplies to below that amount.

Justify the costs you ask for and provide detail, including calculations for the “object class categories” in the Budget Information Standard Form. You will provide this information for the full period of performance. See information on [funding periods](#).

As you develop your budget, consider:

- If the costs are necessary, reasonable, allocable, and consistent with your project's purpose and activities.
- How you calculate your costs in ways that are clear and repeatable.
- The restrictions on spending funds. See the [funding policies and limitations](#).

Please also review the Standard Form instructions.

To create your line-item budget and justification, see [detailed budget instructions on our website](#).

In general, you must:

- Indicate the method you will use for your indirect cost rate. See the [indirect costs](#) section for further information.
- Include estimation methods, quantities, unit costs, and other similar quantitative detail necessary for the calculation to be duplicated.
- For any cost sharing, include a detailed listing of any funding sources identified in Block 18 of the SF-424 Application for Federal Assistance.
- For applicants planning to use subawards, if your subaward budget is more than 50% of total direct costs, justify why you are subawarding that portion of the project. Explain:
 - How you plan to maintain a substantive role in the project.
 - Why you cannot achieve your goals without the subrecipients' participation.
- Indicate that you have allocated sufficient funds to support your evaluation plan.

Proprietary or personally identifiable information

Clearly identify any salary or other proprietary information or personally identifiable information within your application. Identification will ensure this information is not shared with reviewers. Note on page 1 of the attachments file (file two) where the information to be redacted is located.

If you have an [exemption for a paper submission](#), you can protect salary information and any proprietary information by placing that information only in the original application. You can remove the information from the copies, keeping summary information.

File two: Attachments

To submit file two, you will use the Other Attachments form found in the Grants.gov application package for this NOFO.

This file includes all attachments.

ACF priorities alignment attestation

Note: Not included in the page limit. This should be submitted with the application or before award.

You must self-certify that you will align with the ACF priorities that are relevant to this funding opportunity, as identified in both the Program description and *Step 4, under Merit review process, Scoring criteria, Alignment with ACF Vision, Mission, Values, Priorities, and Guiding Principles*, elements 2 and 3. You must provide the following on your organization's letterhead.

I hereby attest and certify that:

_____ (Applicant Name) affirms its commitment to supporting and advancing ACF's published Vision, Mission, Values, Priorities, and Guiding Principles of the Administration for Children and Families (ACF), consistent with applicable federal statutes, regulations, and Administration priorities.

Insert Date of Signature:

Print Name and Title of the AOR:

Signature of AOR:

Indirect cost agreement

If you include indirect costs in your budget using an approved rate, include a copy of your current agreement approved by your [cognizant agency for indirect costs](#). If you use the *de minimis* rate, you do not need to submit this attachment.

See the [indirect costs](#) section for more information.

Organizational capacity supporting information

You must attach the following information to support the information in your [organizational capacity](#) section:

- Organizational charts, including all partners.
- Resumes, biographical sketches, or curricula vitae for all key personnel.
- Job descriptions for each vacant key position.

Third-party agreements

You must submit agreements with all third parties involved in the project. Third parties include subrecipients, contractors, and other cooperating entities. Third-party agreements include letters of commitment, memoranda of understanding, and memoranda of agreement. We do not consider general letters of support to be third-party agreements.

Any such agreement must:

- Describe each party's roles and responsibilities for project activities.
- Describe the support and resources that the third party is committing to the proposed project.
- Be signed by the person in the third-party organization with the authority to make such commitments.

Standard forms

You will need to complete some other required standard forms other than those in files one and two. You can find them in the NOFO [application package](#) or review them and their instructions at [Grants.gov Forms](#).

Forms	Submission requirement
Project Abstract Summary	With the application.
Application for Federal Assistance (SF-424)	With the application.
Budget Information for Non-Construction Programs (SF-424A)	With the application.
Assurances for Non-Construction Programs (SF-424B)	With the application.
Key Contacts	With the application.
Grants.gov Lobbying form	With the application or before award.
Disclosure of Lobbying Activities (SF-LLL)	If applicable based on instructions, with the application or before award.
Project/Performance Site Location(s) (SF-P/PSL)	With the application. Cite your primary location and up to 29 additional performance sites.

Important: Public information

When filling out your SF-424 form, pay attention to Box 15: Descriptive Title of Applicant's Project.

We share what you put there with [USAspending](#). This is where the public goes to learn how the federal government spends taxpayer money.

Instead of just a title, insert a short description of your project and what it will do.

[See instructions and examples \[PDF\]](#).



Step 4:

Learn About Review and Award

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Application review

Initial review

We will review your application to make sure that it meets the responsiveness requirements listed in the [disqualification factors section](#). If your application does not meet these criteria, we will disqualify it and we will not move it to the merit review (scoring) phase.

We will let you know if your application is disqualified within 30 days of the application deadline. You won't receive any notice from ACF if your application failed Grants.gov validation checks.

If you submit more than two files in addition to your forms, we will remove the extra files. We will let you know if this happens.

We will also remove blurred or illegible pages and any file formats that are not supported.

We will not review any pages that exceed the page limit.

If your application fails to adhere to ACF's NOFO formatting, font, and page limitation requirements, we will adjust your application by removing page(s) from the application. We will remove the pages before the merit review and will not send them to reviewers.

If we do so, we will send you a letter after we make awards to notify you that we amended your application.

Merit review process

A panel reviews all applications that pass the initial review. The panel members use the criteria shown in each section of the project narrative and in the line-item budget and budget narrative section.

Our reviewers typically are not federal employees. See the section on [proprietary and personally identifiable information](#).

Criteria summary

Criterion	Total number of points = 110
1. Objectives and need	20 points
2. Approach	30 points
3. Evaluation and knowledge sharing	20 points
4. Organizational capacity and partnerships	15 points
5. Budget	15 points
6. ACF Priority Alignment	10 points

Scoring criteria

1. Objectives and need

Maximum points: 20

The reviewer will assess how well you:

1.1 Demonstrate a clear and compelling need for title IV-E prevention implementation capacity building, including barriers related to infrastructure, provider readiness, financing, data systems, workforce, or claiming processes. **(0 to 5 points)**

1.2 Clearly describe project objectives and any sub-objectives, that are specific measurable and aligned with NOFO program goals. **(0-5 points)**

1.3 Describe how the proposed project aligns with the Family First Prevention Services Act goals, the agency's title IV-E prevention five-year plan, broader prevention strategies, and child welfare reform priorities, including efforts to safely reduce foster care entries. **(0 to 5 points)**

1.4 Demonstrate how the proposed prevention service(s) are either new to the title IV-E prevention plan or not yet fully operationalized within their current title IV-E prevention plan or statewide service array. **(0 to 5 points)**

2. Approach

Maximum points: 30

The reviewer will assess how well you:

2.1 Present a clear, feasible, and well-organized implementation plan that addresses all five required core activity areas and demonstrates the ability to achieve project objectives within the 18-month period of performance. **(0 to 5 points)**

2.2 Describe a strong approach for selecting and implementing the project's identified title IV-E prevention programs and services including readiness assessment activities, implementation timelines, ability to meet title IV-E program requirements, and alignment with agency prevention goals. **(0 to 5 points)**

2.3 Demonstrate a comprehensive strategy for developing or enhancing title IV-E claiming and reimbursement infrastructure, including documentation processes, financing coordination, and sustainability through title IV-E reimbursement. **(0 to 5 points)**

2.4 Describe a robust provider capacity-building and referral strategy, including provider recruitment, onboarding, workforce development, training, coaching, referral pathways, and quality assurance mechanisms necessary to implement services under the title IV-E prevention program. **(0 to 5 points)**

2.5 Describe how data, reporting, and compliance infrastructure will support eligibility determination, claims processing, service delivery tracking, outcome measurement, reporting, and integration with existing data and claiming systems. **(0 to 5 points)**

2.6 Outline key project milestones via a clear project timeline. **(0 to 3 points)**

2.7 Describe key risks and challenges and describe specific strategies to mitigate those risks. **(0 to 2 points)**

3. Evaluation and knowledge sharing

Maximum points: 20

The reviewer will assess how well you:

3.1 Describe a clear and actionable performance measurement framework that includes outcomes and systems measures aligned with project objectives and required program activities. **(0 to 5 points)**

3.2 Demonstrate the ability to collect, manage, analyze, and use high-quality information to monitor implementation progress reporting. **(0 to 5 points)**

3.3 Describe how the agency will work with an internal or external evaluator to support implementation monitoring and a systems-level evaluation. **(0 to 5 points)**

3.4 Demonstrate capacity to generate, document, and disseminate actionable findings, lessons learned, and implementation strategies that can inform broader title IV-E prevention implementation efforts nationwide. **(0 to 5 points)**

4. Organizational capacity and partnerships

Maximum points: 15

The reviewer will assess how well you:

4.1 Demonstrate commitment from agency leadership to implementing and sustaining new title IV-E prevention program services and related claiming infrastructure. **(0 to 5 points)**

4.2 Describe an implementation team with clearly defined roles, relevant expertise, and sufficient organizational capacity to manage and execute the proposed project. **(0 to 5 points)**

4.3 Identify key implementation partners, providers, and collaborating agencies necessary to successfully implement the proposed project. **(0 to 5 points)**

5. Budget

Maximum points: 15

The reviewer will assess how well you:

5.1 Present a clear, cost-effective, and comprehensive budget narrative and detailed line-item justification for the full 18-month project period that supports the proposed activities, implementation timeline, and project objectives. **(0 to 3 points)**

5.2 Clearly justify all proposed costs and demonstrates how requested funds will directly support implementation of prevention services, title IV-E claiming readiness, provider capacity, data infrastructure, evaluation, and sustainability activities. **(0 to 3 points)**

5.3 Allocate sufficient resources to core implementation activities, including workforce development, provider supports, data and reporting infrastructure, evaluation, and reimbursement system development. **(0 to 3 points)**

5.4 Demonstrate that staffing, contractual, consultant, and operational costs are necessary, allowable, and appropriate for the proposed scope of work and level of effort. **(0 to 3 points)**

5.5 Demonstrate appropriate allocation of resources to support evaluation, continuous quality improvement, learning community participation, dissemination activities, and long-term sustainability planning. **(0 to 3 points)**

We do not consider voluntary cost sharing during merit review.

6. Alignment with ACF vision, mission, values, priorities, and guiding principles (Up to 10 Points)

ACF's published Vision, Mission, Values, Priorities, and Guiding Principles inform programmatic and administrative expectations under this funding opportunity.

Applicants must demonstrate alignment by describing how the proposed project advances relevant ACF priorities through program design and evaluation. Applicants should clearly identify which ACF priorities are relevant and explain how those priorities are reflected in the proposed approach. Applicants are encouraged to provide examples of prior experiences that can show alignment efforts that have already been achieved. Examples should describe strategies used, measurable results (if available), and lessons learned.

Applicants are strongly encouraged to organize their response using the three criteria below.

Reviewers will assess the extent to which the application demonstrates clear, specific, and measurable connections between ACF priorities and the proposed project. Scores will reflect the strength, clarity, and specificity of those connections.

Scoring Considerations for the next three criteria:

- **High-scoring applications** will demonstrate clear understanding, intentional integration, and measurable alignment with ACF priorities across all three criteria.
- **Moderate-scoring applications** may reference ACF priorities but provide limited specificity, uneven integration, or minimal connection to measurable outcomes.
- **Low-scoring applications** will show minimal or unclear understanding of ACF priorities and lack meaningful connection to program design or performance.

6.1. Demonstrated Review and Understanding (Up to 2 Points)

The extent to which the applicant demonstrates that it has reviewed ACF's Vision, Mission, Values, Priorities, and Guiding Principles and explains their relevance to the proposed project.

Reviewers will look for:

- Identification of specific ACF priorities (not general or vague references).
- A clear explanation of how those priorities relate to the proposed project.

6.2. Operationalization in Program Design and Implementation (Up to 3 Points)

The degree to which the following one or more ACF priorities are translated into specific elements of the proposed project:

- Ensuring Value Alignment in Funding
- Gold-Standard Research

Reviewers will assess if the applicant:

- Connects identified ACF priorities to program design, service delivery, and implementation.
- Demonstrates how priorities influence partnerships, staffing, or key program decisions.
- Provides clear, actionable examples of how alignment will be carried out in practice.

6.3. Integration into Performance and Continuous Improvement (Up to 5 Points)

The extent to which the following one or more ACF priorities are reflected in measurable outcomes and ongoing program improvement:

- Ensuring Value Alignment in Funding
- Gold-Standard Research

Reviewers will assess the extent to which the application:

- Aligns performance measures and expected outcomes with identified priorities.
- Includes evaluation methods or performance indicators that reflect those priorities .
- Describes how data will be used for continuous quality improvement .

Risk review

Before making an award, we review the risk that you will mismanage federal funds or fail to complete the project objectives. We need to make sure you've handled any past federal awards well and demonstrated sound business practices.

We use [SAM.gov](#) Responsibility/Qualification and Exclusions to check this history for all awards likely to be over \$250,000.

If we find a significant risk, we may choose not to fund your application or to place specific conditions on the award.

For more details, see [2 CFR 200.206](#).

Selection process

When making funding decisions, we consider:

- Merit review and scoring results, including the ten points for Alignment with *ACF Vision, Mission, Values, Priorities, and Guiding Principles* to the extent permitted by law. These are key in making decisions but are not the only factor.
- Organizations serving emerging, unserved, or underserved populations.
- The larger portfolio of agency-funded projects by considering geographic distribution.
- The past performance of the applicant.
- The application's compliance with this NOFO's prohibition on using funds awarded under this NOFO to support [DEI and DEIA activities](#), to the extent permitted by law, including any relevant court orders.
- Funding Preference for Alignment with Agency Priorities. Before final funding decisions are made, division leadership will review awards for consistency with applicable laws and alignment with [agency priorities](#).

We may:

- Fund applications in whole or in part.
- Fund applications at a lower amount than requested.
- Decide not to allow a prime recipient to subaward if they may not be able to monitor and manage subrecipients properly.
- Choose not to fund applicants with management or financial problems.
- Designate your application as “approved but unfunded” if it was successful but there was not sufficient funding to make an award. You may receive funding if additional funds become available within the fiscal year.
- Choose to fund no applications under this NOFO.

We will not fund:

- A [disqualified application](#).
- An incomplete application.

Award notices

If you are successful, we will email or transmit through our grant systems a Notice of Award (NoA) to your authorized official. We will email you if your application is disqualified or unsuccessful.

The NoA is the only official award document. The NoA tells you about the amount of the award, important dates, and the terms and conditions you need to follow. Until you receive the NoA, you have not received an award. Project costs that you incur before you receive a NoA are at your risk.

By drawing down funds, you accept the terms and conditions of the award. The award incorporates the requirements of the program and funding authorities, the grant regulations, the GPS, and the NOFO.

If you want to know more about NoA contents, go to [Notice of Award at ACF's website](#).



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Application

Deadline

Due on Monday, August 17, 2026.

- For electronic submissions, the due time is 11:59 p.m. ET.
- If you receive an exemption from electronic submission, the due time is 4:30 p.m. ET. See the section on [exemptions for paper submissions](#).

Grants.gov creates a date and time record when it receives the application. If you submit the same application more than once, we will accept only the last on-time submission.

The grants management officer may extend an application due date based on emergency situations such as documented natural disasters or a verifiable widespread disruption of electric or mail service.

Grants.gov submission

You must submit your application through Grants.gov unless we give you an exemption for a paper submission. See information on [getting registered](#).

For instructions on how to submit in Grants.gov, see the [Quick Start Guide for Applicants](#).

Make sure your application passes the Grants.gov validation checks. Do not encrypt, zip, or password protect any files. We encourage you to leave yourself plenty of time to upload documents.

See [Contacts and Support](#) if you need help.

Issues with federal systems

If you experience a systems issue with Grants.gov or SAM.gov, please refer to [ACF's Policy for Applicants Experiencing Federal Systems Issues \[PDF\]](#).

Exemptions for paper submissions

We need to give you an exemption before you can apply on paper. See the [ACF Policy for Requesting an Exemption from Required Electronic Application Submission \[PDF\]](#).

Once we have approved your exemption, download your forms package under the Package tab in Grants.gov.

To submit your application, mail it to:

Children's Bureau Operations Center

c/o LCG, Inc.

6000 Executive Blvd, Suite 410

Rockville, MD 20852

Follow these requirements when you submit your paper application:

- Print your application and all copies one-sided.
- Submit one original and two copies of the complete application, including all required forms.
- Submit both the original and additional copies in a single package. If you plan to submit more than one application under this NOFO or others, you must submit them separately. Clearly label each package with the NOFO title and funding opportunity number.
- Your authorized organization official must sign the application. The original application must include an original signature.

Intergovernmental review

[Executive Order 12372, Intergovernmental Review of Federal Programs](#) does not apply to this NOFO. You do not need to take any action.



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Post-award requirements and administration

Administrative and national policy requirements

There are important rules you'll need to follow if you get an award. You must follow:

- All terms and conditions in the Notice of Award, including the [ACF Standard Terms and Conditions](#) and, if applicable, any program-specific terms and conditions. We incorporate this NOFO by reference.
- The rules listed in [2 CFR 200](#), Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements, effective October 1, 2025. These replace those in 45 CFR 75, with some exceptions in [2 CFR 300](#).
- The HHS [Grants Policy Statement \(GPS\)](#), Appendix D: HHS Administrative and National Policy Requirements. This document has terms and conditions tied to your award. If there are any exceptions to the GPS, they'll be listed in your Notice of Award.
- All federal statutes and regulations relevant to federal financial assistance, including those highlighted in the [HHS Administrative and National Policy Requirements](#) and the [ACF Administrative and National Policy Requirements](#).
- [45 CFR Part 87 Appendix B, Equal Treatment for Faith-Based Organizations](#). This appendix explains the obligations of and protections for faith-based organizations applying for grants.
- Applicable program statute and regulations at Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act (CAPTA) 42 U.S.C. 5106(b)(5).

Reporting

As a recipient, you will have to submit performance and financial reports. To learn more about reporting, see [Reporting at the ACF website](#).

- Performance report form: **ACF-OGM-PPR**
 - Performance report frequency: Quarterly
- Financial report form: **SF-425 FFR**
 - Financial report frequency: Quarterly



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Agency contacts

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Help with systems

Grants.gov

Grants.gov provides 24/7 support. Hold on to your ticket number.

- Phone: 1-800-518-4726
- Email: support@Grants.gov

SAM.gov

If you need help, you can:

- Call 866-606-8220.
- Live chat with the [Federal Service Desk](#).

Reference websites

- [U.S. Department of Health and Human Services \(HHS\)](#)
- [Administration for Children and Families \(ACF\)](#)
- [Grants.gov](#)
- [Applying for an ACF Grant Award](#)
- [Grants.gov Accessibility Information](#)
- [Code of Federal Regulations \(CFR\)](#)
- [United States Code \(U.S.C.\)](#)
- [Award Terms and Conditions](#) (see also the [ACF Standard Terms and Conditions \[PDF\]](#))
- [ACF Administrative and National Policy Requirements](#)
- [ACF Property Guidance](#)

Paperwork Reduction Act disclaimer

As required by the Paperwork Reduction Act, 44 U.S.C. 3501-3521, the public reporting burden for the project description (project narrative, line-item budget, and justification) is estimated to average 60 hours per response, including the time for reviewing instructions, gathering, and maintaining the data needed, and reviewing the collection information.

The project description information collection is approved under OMB control number 0970-0139, which expires April 30, 2029. An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number.

Modifications

Modification Description	Updated Date