
CATCH

Community Access To Child Health

CATCH Resident Funds Program Frequently Asked Questions

What is the CATCH Resident Funds program?

The CATCH Resident Funds program provides grants in amounts up to \$3,000 for pediatric residents to develop innovative, community-based initiatives that increase children's access to medical homes or specific health services not otherwise available. (In addition to planning activities, the Resident Funds program allows minimal implementation activities.) All CATCH grants are awarded on a competitive basis.

What is a community-based CATCH Resident Funds project?

Community-based projects develop broad-based collaborative community partnerships for the planning phase of child health initiatives. Typical partnerships include grassroots associations, parents, faith-based groups, local businesses, local public health service agencies, nongovernmental health agencies, and hospitals.

Project activities must lead to sustainable, community-based child health initiatives that increase access to care, especially for underserved children, and address health disparities among children. Typical activities include needs assessments and community asset mapping, feasibility studies, community meetings/forums, focus groups, planning meetings, and development of grant proposals for future project implementation after the planning phase is complete.

Who is eligible to submit a proposal?

Only pediatric residents from the United States and its territories are eligible to apply for CATCH Resident Funds grants. A pediatric resident must lead the project and be significantly involved in proposal development and project activities.

What is the application deadline?

Applications must be submitted **online** by 4:00 pm CDT, **July 31, 2008**. **You will not be able to access the online application Web site after July 31st**. Begin preparing your application early and take advantage of the technical assistance with the development of your proposal that is available to you from your Chapter CATCH Facilitator (www.aap.org/catch/RosterChapterFac.pdf), and Resident CATCH Liaison (www.aap.org/catch/residentroster.pdf). CATCH staff also is available to assist you. Please contact Kathy Kocvara, CATCH Program Coordinator, at kkocvara@aap.org, or 800/433-9016, ext 7632.

Is a budget required?

All sections of the application, including the budget detail and justification of line items, must be completed in full. Each budget line item must include a description of the activity **and formula** and clearly support the project goals outlined in the proposal.

Who reviews the grant proposals?

All proposals are peer-reviewed by the AAP District CATCH Facilitators and National Resident Liaisons (the oversight committee of the CATCH Program), your Resident CATCH Liaison, and your Chapter CATCH Facilitator.

When will I find out if my application was approved?

Applicants will be notified in writing of the outcome of their application review by December 31, 2008.

What are some of the reasons why applications are disapproved?

- Proposal includes unallowable activities, such as professional education/training meetings, conference registration or travel support, research projects, pediatric resident training.
- Budget includes funding for salaries or consultant fees only.
- Project addresses health care issues but does not focus on health care access for underserved children or health disparities among children.
- Proposal does not demonstrate partnership with community-based organizations.

How many grants have been awarded in the past?

Year	Planning Funds Submitted	Planning Funds Awarded	Resident Funds Submitted	Resident Funds Awarded	Implementation Funds Submitted	Implementation Funds Awarded	Total Awarded
1994	23	20	-	-	-	-	20
1995	30	17	-	-	-	-	17
1996	106	19	-	-	-	-	19
1997	111	26	-	-	-	-	26
1998	102	40	-	-	-	-	40
1999	109	33	-	-	-	-	33
2000	161	75	-	-	-	-	75
2001	183	62	26	20	-	-	82
2002	136	73	31	28	-	-	101
2003	138	59	41	34	40	12	105
2004	117	50	74	39	71	16	105
2005	83	39	56	25	82	27	91
2006	97	41	64	43	76	23	107
2007	62	40	59	31	74	23	94
2008	85	40	39	22	TBD	TBD	62
Total	1,543	634	390	242	343	101	977

- The Planning Funds program began in 1993, with project activities beginning in 1994. Applications are accepted once a year May through July.
- The Resident Funds program began in 2000. Grant cycle occurred once a year until 2004 when a second cycle was introduced. Applications are accepted twice a year May through July and November through January.
- The Implementation Funds program began in 2003. Grant cycle occurs once a year. Applications are accepted once a year November through January.

Who should I contact if I need technical assistance with the development of my proposal or require more information?

- For questions about proposal development or to discuss your ideas for a CATCH Resident Funds project, contact your Chapter CATCH Facilitator (www.aap.org/catch/RosterChapterFac.pdf) and Resident CATCH Liaison (www.aap.org/catch/residentroster.pdf).
- Consult former grantees: To view project descriptions of previously awarded CATCH grants, visit www.aap.org/compeds/grantsdatabase. Contact the CATCH Program by e-mail at kkocvara@aap.org, or call 800/433-9016, 7632.