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**Community Access To Child Health**

## **CATCH Planning Funds Program Frequently Asked Questions**

### **What is the CATCH Planning Funds program?**

The CATCH Planning Funds program provides grants in amounts up to \$12,000 for pediatricians to **plan** innovative, community-based initiatives that increase children's access to medical homes or specific health services not otherwise available. All CATCH grants are awarded on a competitive basis.

### **What is a community-based CATCH Planning 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. Planning 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 planning project 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 pediatricians from the United States and its territories are eligible to apply for CATCH grants. A pediatrician 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 31.** Begin preparing your application early and take advantage of the technical assistance with the development of your proposal that is available to you from the AAP Chapter CATCH Facilitator(s) in your state (<http://www.aap.org/catch/RosterChapterFac.pdf>), and CATCH staff Kathy Kocvara, CATCH Program Coordinator ([kkocvara@aap.org](mailto:kkocvara@aap.org)).

### **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 (the oversight committee of the CATCH Program) and AAP Chapter CATCH Facilitators.

## When will I find out if my application was approved?

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

## What are some of the reasons why applications are disapproved?

- Proposal includes implementation activities or other unallowable activities, such as professional education/training meetings, conference registration or travel support, pilot programs, research projects, direct service delivery, pediatric resident training, and health fairs.
- Budget includes a disproportionate percentage of salaries or consultant fees, activities to improve existing service delivery, medical equipment or supplies, or the purchase of educational materials.
- 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 partnerships 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
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,543</b>	<b>634</b>	<b>390</b>	<b>242</b>	<b>343</b>	<b>101</b>	<b>977</b>

- 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 Planning Funds project, contact your AAP Chapter CATCH Facilitator(s) (<http://www.aap.org/catch/RosterChapterFac.pdf>).
- Consult former grantees: To view project descriptions of previously awarded CATCH grants, visit <http://www.aap.org/commpeps/grantsdatabase>.
- Contact the CATCH Program Coordinator, Kathy Kocvara, by e-mail at <mailto:kkocvara@aap.org>, or call 800/433-9016, ext 7632.