



## **Region 4 Best Start Network Building & Collaboration Grant Program**

### **Request for Proposals 2020**

An initiative of First 5 LA, Best Start is working to create the best possible community for young children and their families. Best Start brings together parents, community organizations, institutions, and others to improve policies and resources to better support parents and create a community where children and families can thrive. Best Start also provides skill-building and leadership training to help the group achieve its goals and ensure that children are safe, healthy, and ready to learn.

The purpose of this grant program is to strengthen the collective will within communities, organizations, and systems to promote the safety, healthy development, and well-being for children prenatal to age five and their families across the Best Start Region 4 communities of Central Long Beach and Wilmington. The boundaries of these communities can be found here: <https://www.first5la.org/article/best-start-communities-map/>

All Best Start Communities have priorities that make up their Community Change Agenda. All network building and collaboration grant requests must align with a minimum of one priority area.

#### **Central Long Beach Priorities:**

1. Build community knowledge on child development and parenting skills
2. Prevent child abuse and neglect
3. Increase access to quality and affordable childcare
4. Increase access to quality and affordable housing and economic security

#### **Wilmington Priorities:**

1. Safety - Increase mobility in Wilmington to create access to safe streets
2. Health - Create culturally friendly environments promoting healthy food and mental health development
3. Environment - Increase available green spaces to improve air quality, reduce trash/bulk and shape the environment
4. Education - Early Access to services for special needs, developmental disabilities for children 0-5 for successful transitions to kindergarten
5. Immigration - Educate and stabilize immigration status for family households to continue to positively raise their children

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## BACKGROUND

In alignment with the Community Change Agenda (CCA), Best Start Network Building Organizational Grants are designed to build lasting engagement, commitment, and sustainability in the Best Start work.

This call for proposals seeks applications for the following funding areas:

**Network Building:** Qualified non-profit organizations, or groups of organizations will develop a one-year plan to build the network of organizations working in alignment with the CCA.

**Collaboration Support:** Support of coalitions or collaboratives aligned and complementary to the work of the Best Start Community CCA.

## FUNDING AVAILABLE

Funding requests ranging from a maximum of \$10,000 - \$25,000 will be considered.

## GRANT TIMELINE

- Requests for Proposals made available: **February 17, 2020**
- Grant Program Information Sessions: **February 28, 2020 (Long Beach), March 5, 2020 (Wilmington)**
- Requests for Proposals due: **March 11, 2020**
- Grant decisions made: **March 31, 2020**
- Grant funding period starts: **April 1, 2020**

**You will be informed by email the week of March 30 if your grant has been approved or declined.**

## ELIGIBILITY

- Applicants must have programs operating within the service area of Best Start Region 4
- Applicants must operate without illegal discrimination on the basis of race, religion, gender, sexual orientation, age, national origin or disability.
- Events that have a religious or political focus are not eligible.
- All grantees will be required to participate in The Nonprofit Partnership's systems change evaluation process.

## GRANT INFORMATION SESSIONS

There will be one information session in each Best Start Region 4 community. The information session is not mandatory and will not impact your ability to receive funding.

Central Long Beach  
Friday, February 28 @ 1pm  
Long Beach Forward  
425 Atlantic Ave.  
Long Beach CA 90802

Wilmington  
Thursday, March 5 @ 12pm  
Providence Wellness & Activity Center  
470 Hawaiian Ave.  
Wilmington CA 90744

Additionally, any questions about this grant can be sent to Christina Hall, Best Start Program Manager by email at [chall@tnpsocal.org](mailto:chall@tnpsocal.org).

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## PROPOSAL EVALUATION CRITERIA

Proposals are evaluated by a review committee who will determine the extent to which they meet following criteria:

- Proposed program is compatible with your organization's mission and the purpose of grant program stated above
- The program effectively addresses the identified Community Change Agenda priority and can produce an impactful and innovative solution
- The organization effectively describes how they can help grow the partnership and add value to the Community Change Agenda
- Reflects experience with targeted community(ies) and access to the populations to be served
- Objectives are clear, compelling, measurable and achievable within the funding period
- There is a realistic budget to support the program proposed demonstrating efficiency in use of funds (such as sharing equipment, leveraging or matching funds, or seeking support from multiple sources)

Proposals must be emailed to [chall@tnpsocal.org](mailto:chall@tnpsocal.org) no later than **5:00 p.m. on March 11, 2020**. In the subject line of your email state the grant program and your organization's name.

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## PROPOSAL COVER SHEET

### FUNDING AREA

NETWORK BUILDING     COLLABORATION SUPPORT

### ORGANIZATION INFORMATION

Organization Name	
Organization Address	
Organizations' EIN	
Organization's total budget for most recent fiscal year	
A. Income	\$
B. Expenses	\$
Number of clients served annually by organization	

### FUNDING REQUEST INFORMATION

Best Start Community Being Served	<input type="checkbox"/> Central Long Beach <input type="checkbox"/> Wilmington
Name of Program	
Program Budget	\$
Amount Requested	\$
Request as Percent of Budget	%
Unduplicated number of clients served through proposed program	

### CONTACT INFORMATION FOR THIS PROPOSAL

Name	
Title	
Email Address	
Phone	

Please give a brief history/background of your organization. (3-4 sentences):

Proposal Summary (2-3 sentences):

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## NARRATIVE

Please respond directly and succinctly to the questions. You may vary the length of each of your answers, but the total narrative page count may not exceed four (4) pages. Question headers do not count toward page limit.

1. **Describe the proposed program and how it aligns with Community Change Agenda Priority addressed by it.**
2. **Describe the population that will benefit from this proposed program.** For Collaboratives, also include a list of stakeholders involved.
3. **Describe the program's goals, objectives, and measureable outcomes.** In your measurable outcomes, please describe the type of service to be provided, the target population and the number to be served. For continuing programs, provide a summary of program accomplishments and/or results for your most recently completed program year and the prior year.
4. **How will you specifically apply the funds?**
5. **Describe your organization's current participation in the Best Start Partnership.** If you are new to the partnership space, describe how you envision your participation and integration into the partnership.
6. **How do the Best Start Community Change priorities align with the mission of your organization?**
7. **Describe any long-term plans your organization has for funding the program.** Include any additional secured or pending funding source names and amounts.
8. **Describe how you will evaluate success in the utilization of these funds.**

## ATTACHMENTS:

Provide your organization's current budget and most recent 990 (if applicable) with your other application materials.