

CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF CHILD SUPPORT SERVICES

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March 19, 2012

TO: IV-D DIRECTORS

SUBJECT: 2012 FEDERAL GRANT OPPORTUNITIES

The Office of Child Support Enforcement (OCSE) has issued a Forecast for Competitive Grant opportunities. This serves as a preliminary announcement to the actual grant postings tentatively scheduled for the months of April and May 2012. The Forecast references two grants authorized under Section 1115 (a) of the Social Security Act which provides OCSE the authority to fund experimental, pilot, or demonstration projects. 1115 demonstration projects must be designed to improve the financial well-being of children or improve the operation of the child support program. Only state IV-D agencies or their state umbrella agencies are eligible to receive these grants.

1115 Grants:

- Evaluation of National Child Support Noncustodial Parent Employment Demonstration Projects.
- National Child Support Noncustodial Parent Employment Demonstration Projects.

In addition to the 1115 grants, the Forecast also announces a Special Improvement Program Grant (SIP). The purpose of the SIP grant is to provide funding for projects that further the national child support program's mission and to improve program performance. SIP's legislative authority is Section 452(j) of the Social Security Act, which provides federal funds for research, demonstration programs, and special projects of regional or national significance relating to the operation of state child support programs. The Forecast announcement specifies eligible applicant's which may include state and local public agencies, non-profit agencies (including faith-based organizations) and tribal organizations.

Special Improvement Project (SIP) Grant:

- Parenting Time Opportunities for Children in the Child Support Program.

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To obtain additional information about the grants visit the following website:
<http://www.acf.hhs.gov/hhsgrantsforecast/>.

If you are interested in applying for a grant please complete the Department of Child Support Services (DCSS) Grant Concept Proposal attached to this correspondence and submit it to your Regional Administrator by Friday, May 4, 2012.

Also attached is a Timeline of Activities which will give you a general outline of the DCSS grant proposal process. If you have questions about this process please contact your Regional Administrator.

Sincerely,

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KATHLEEN HREPICH
Interim Director

Attachments

Department of Child Support Services
2012 Grant Concept Proposal

LCSA:

LCSA contact person:

Phone number:

Email address:

Date:

Name of granting entity and type of grant(s):

Date grant proposal due:

Amount of grant sought:

Is a match required? If so, amount of match: \$

Target population:

Grant conceptual proposal (add additional pages if necessary):

FFY: _____

Submitted to: _____

Department of Child Support Services
Grant Proposal Process for 1115 & SIP
FFY 2012 Timeline

Activity	Responsible	Due Dates
Send EBlast & Grant Concept Proposal to LCSAs announcing OCSE Forecast.	DCSS	March 19, 2012
Confirm grants upon OCSE announcement.	DCSS	April 30, 2012
Prepare and submit DCSS Grant Concept Proposal.	LCSA	May 7, 2012
Review grant concepts and select proposals to receive letters of support.	DCSS	May 14, 2012
Contact selected LCSAs and provide letters of support.	DCSS	May 15, 2012
Announce grant concepts supported by DCSS.	DCSS	May 16, 2012
Develop questions regarding grants.	LCSA	On-going
Conduct conference call to address questions.	DCSS	T.B.D.
Submit 1115 grant proposals to DCSS.	LCSA	June 11, 2012
Submit 1115 grant proposal(s) to OCSE.	DCSS	June 25, 2012*
Prepare and submit SIP grants to OCSE.	LCSA	July 14, 2012**

*Actual due date to OCSE is June 29, 2012. June 25, 2012 deadline includes transit time. **This is the actual due date to OCSE. No transit time included.