

Funding Criteria

All Escambia Children's Trust (ECT) funding shall be allocated within the intent of Florida Statute 125.901 and in accordance with the core purpose of the Escambia Children's Trust: **working together to make our children's lives better.**

ECT supports prevention, early-intervention, and community-oriented approaches. To be eligible to receive funds from Escambia Children's Trust, programs must reflect the priorities identified in the Strategic Plan as well as the operating principles of ECT.

Programs receiving funding from Escambia Children's Trust shall not discriminate against an employee, volunteer, or participant of the funded program on the basis of race, color, gender or identity, sexual orientation, religion, national origin, citizenship, disability, marital status, or age except that programs may target services for specified participant groups as defined in their application. Additionally, agencies receiving funds shall demonstrate the standards, policies, and practices necessary to provide services in a manner that respects the worth of the individual and protects and preserves the dignity of people of diverse cultures, classes, races, religions, and ethnic backgrounds.

The Escambia Children's Trust's funding priorities are intended to address the indicators identified in its most recently published Needs Assessment.



The funding priorities of the Escambia Children's Trust are programs/initiatives that address the following goals:

- ❖ Children Are Healthy
- ❖ Children Are Ready to Learn and Succeed in School and Life
- ❖ Children Are Not Abused or Neglected
- ❖ Children Have Supports to Help Them Avoid Risky Behaviors

Funding Eligibility

Preference will be given to programs operated by non-profit incorporated agencies, public agencies, or governmental entities. Escambia Children's Trust will also consider programs operated by for-profit agencies, as long as the funding does not result in a prohibited private benefit/profit. ECT does not fund:

- Programs that are under the exclusive jurisdiction of the public school system (FS 125.901).
- Programs requiring worship or religious instructional activities as a condition of participation.

Non-Allowable Funding

The Escambia Children's Trust does not fund the following:

- The acquisition of real property (i.e., land or buildings)
- Supplementation of operating reserves
- The supplanting of existing funding from another agency
- The payment of fines or assessed penalties
- Expenses not otherwise approved through the funding award or budget amendment process



Funding Overview & Tentative Schedule FY2022-2023



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SOLICITED COMPETITIVE FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

Out-of-School Time (OST) Program

Request for Proposals (RFP) to be released in September 2022: The purpose of the program is to expand out-of-school time programs, which include afterschool, summer, and VPK/early childhood education expansion. The RFP outlines the requirements of the program. Agencies funded through this process are required to sign a contract, submit a copy of their audit, and adhere to ECT program and fiscal policies, including reporting requirements.

“Help Me Grow” Health Assessment System Development

Invitation to Bid (ITB) to be released in March 2023: The purpose of the project is to fund a local provider to develop a comprehensive, coordinated system to perform routine health assessments including preventive care/wellness visits; mental health; immunizations; screenings for vision, hearing, and speech; dental; and developmental status and make referrals for provision of follow-up services, also to be funded under the project. The Invitation to Bid (ITB) outlines the requirements of the project. The organization(s) funded through this process must sign a contract, submit a copy of their audit, and adhere to ECT program and fiscal policies, including reporting requirements.

Mental Health Support Services Program

Request for Proposals (RFP) to be released in May 2023: The purpose of the program is to fund proposals for mental health support services for children and youth who do not have a diagnosed mental illness. Services will be expected to complement and coordinate with those provided for children who do have diagnoses. The RFP outlines the requirements of the program. Agencies funded through this process are required to sign a contract, submit a copy of their audit, and adhere to ECT program and fiscal policies, including reporting requirements.

UNSOLICITED FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

Matching Funds

Open and subject to availability of funds: Escambia Children’s Trust makes funds available to agencies applying for other grants requiring a local match. Escambia Children’s Trust may match up to 50% of the cost of a program that meets the priorities of Escambia Children’s Trust and is proposing new or expanding services for children in Escambia County. The application process consists of completing the Matching Grant Application Form and attaching a summary of the program for which grant funds are being sought. Escambia Children’s Trust, in making its funding decision, may pledge the matching funds contingent upon the applicant receiving the award from the primary grantor. Entities funded through this process are required to sign a contract and adhere to ECT program and fiscal policies, including reporting requirements.

Sole-Source Special Community Initiatives

Open and subject to availability of funds Based on the priorities of its Strategic Plan, Escambia Children’s Trust accepts unsolicited applications for special community initiatives that are considered to be sole-source procurements – i.e., projects that do not lend themselves to a competitive process. Sole-Source Special Community Initiatives are projects that may be implemented by only one organization or partnership that provides specialized services (for example, the Early Learning Coalition, 2-1-1, etc.). The proposer may be the only provider of the service or hold a particular contract that enables them to provide a service or product that is proprietary or dependent upon the contract (for example, Community Partnership School, Federally Qualified Health Centers, etc.).

The application process begins with the completion of a three-page summary using the Sole-Source Special Community Initiatives application form. Applicants may be asked to provide additional information, or their application may be forwarded directly to the Program Committee of the Board of Directors for consideration. Agencies funded through this process are required to sign a contract and adhere to ECT program and fiscal policies, including reporting requirements. Applications will be considered for funding on a case-by-case basis. Please allow up to eight (8) weeks for a funding decision.

Emergency Needs Grant

In the event of a declared emergency and subject to availability of funds: Escambia Children’s Trust makes funds available for a one-time request based upon the applying agency’s immediate need as it relates to children or the agency’s ability to deliver services. The Emergency Grant Request Form will be available in the event of a local emergency such as a hurricane or pandemic. Entities funded through this process are required to sign a contract and adhere to ECT program and fiscal policies.

