Community Access to Child Health (CATCH) Program
2023 Call for Proposals

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AN IDEA THAT STARTED 30 YEARS AGO...

• The concept emerged from the recognition that many pediatricians have ideas for improving the health of children in their community.

• But do not have **time, expertise, or money** to plan and implement the projects.
MISSION

CATCH supports pediatricians to collaborate within their communities to advance the health of all children.

VISION

Every child in every community reaches optimal health and well-being.
CATCH GRANT TYPES

Resident

– Up to $2000 awarded once a year
– Planning and/or implementation projects

AAP Fellow and Fellowship Trainee

– Up to $10,000 awarded once a year
– Apply for either a **Planning** or **Implementation** project
ELIGIBILITY GUIDELINES

• Resident CATCH Grants
  – U.S. and Canadian pediatric residents (categorical or combined) in a training program AND have a definite commitment for another year of residency or chief year.

• Planning & Implementation CATCH grants
  – U.S. and Canadian fellow and fellowship trainees

• All applicants must have active membership in both AAP national and local chapters if awarded
It is strongly suggested that all applicants request Technical Assistance as they develop any CATCH project proposals from the CATCH network of Chapter CATCH Facilitators (CCFs) and CATCH District Resident Liaisons (DRLs). Canadian applicants should contact CATCH staff to be connected to technical assistance.

CATCH network contact rosters and the Call for Proposals are available at www.aap.org/CATCH

Note: CATCH Grant projects are 12-months in length and may begin upon receipt of funds
PRIORITIES FOR CATCH PROJECTS

• Led by pediatrician who plays a significant role
• Aims to develop strong, broad-based community partnerships
• Predominately serve a population of children with unmet health needs or with demonstrated health disparities.
• Assess children health or well-being and/or increase access to needed health services
• Include plans for sustainability
ADDRESS DISPARITIES

• Provide access to those with greatest need & least resources
• Identify underserved population and address specific barriers
  – Example: language, cultural, geographic, disabilities
• Partner with existing community programs/resources
  – homeless shelter, foster care program, low-income childcare, community center, parks and rec, faith-based institutions, schools
GETTING STARTED
WWW.AAP.ORG/CATCH

Which CATCH application is right for you?
The CATCH Call for Proposals and corresponding applications includes 3 types of grants (Planning, Implementation, and Resident) which are based on the eligibility guidelines (current level of training/practice) and the developmental stage for the community-based project for which you are applying.

- If you are an AAP fellow/fellowship trainee, review the question regarding what stage you are in developing the community-based project, which will guide you toward either the Planning Call for Proposal guidelines OR the Implementation Call for Proposals guidelines.
- If you are a resident, review the specific trainee eligibility criteria and then read the Resident Call for Proposal guidelines.

What Do I Need to Know Before I Apply?
- Preview application questions and use the CATCH Project planning tool resource.
- As you work on your grant proposal, reach out to Chapter CATCH Facilitators, District Resident CATCH Liaisons and CATCH staff. They are available to provide feedback and resources to assist you from proposal development through project implementation.
- A fiscal agent should be identified during the application process. A fiscal agent is a proxy that manages fiscal matters on behalf of another party. Review this guidance document for additional information. A letter of intent from the proposed fiscal agent must be provided as an attachment to the application.
Applicants are strongly encouraged to contact their Chapter CATCH Facilitator or District CATCH Resident Liaison to strengthen their proposal.

A planning tool is available to aid in planning a CATCH project.

Applicant should share the completed tool as part of a CATCH application technical assistance request.
NEW- RESOURCES TO STRENGTHEN APPLICATIONS

- Engaging with Community Partners Tip Sheet
- Budget Guidance Supplement
- Available on the CATCH Grant Opportunities Web Page
- Links to both documents in each CATCH Call for Proposals
REMINDER: IDENTIFY FISCAL AGENT DURING APPLICATION PROCESS

• Applicants **required** to identify a fiscal agent as part of application
• Appointing a **tax-exempt, non-profit organization** (charitable, educational, religious or other nonprofit entity) to receive a CATCH grant award distribution, helps AAP member grantees avoid personal tax liability.
• Applicants need to identify fiscal agent and request that organization to write a letter of intent to serve in the role
  – Sample template available
  – Will need to upload to application
CATCH BY THE NUMBERS

• CATCH has awarded over **10 million** dollars in grants.

• Nearly **1,900** grants have been awarded in all 50 states, the District of Columbia, and Puerto Rico.

• **Almost 10%** of current AAP Leadership had received a CATCH grant.

• **The majority** of CATCH projects continue beyond their initial CATCH grant funding.
QUESTIONS AND MORE INFORMATION

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• Access Planning Tool and other resources to help develop a CATCH application

• Contact CATCH staff (Charlotte Zia and Maggie Kelly) catch@aap.org
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