



Mini-Grants to Improve Breastfeeding Rates in Kansas 2018 Request for Proposals

Eligible breastfeeding coalitions in Kansas are invited to submit proposals for up to \$1,000 to fund activities which will improve breastfeeding rates. Proposals may be submitted through the accompanying form and must be finalized by midnight on March 15, 2018.

Project Work

Funded work should be for activities that:

- Support the Kansas Breastfeeding Coalition (KBC) Strategic Plan, available at <http://ksbreastfeeding.org/about-kansas-breastfeeding-coalition/>
- Are within best breastfeeding practices as identified in the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention: *The CDC Guide to Strategies to Support Breastfeeding Mothers and Babies*, <http://www.cdc.gov/breastfeeding/resources/guide.htm>
- Are identified as necessary actions by the U.S. Surgeon General's Call to Action to Support Breastfeeding, <http://www.surgeongeneral.gov/library/calls/breastfeeding/calltoactiontosupportbreastfeeding.pdf>.
- Are done exclusively in Kansas to benefit Kansans.

Additional resources on breastfeeding work can be accessed at <http://ksbreastfeeding.org/resources/>

Eligible Breastfeeding Coalitions

Breastfeeding coalitions in Kansas who are recognized by the KBC as evidenced by their listing on the KBC's Coalitions webpage, <http://ksbreastfeeding.org/coalitions/>.

Coalitions must have an eligible fiscal agent. Organizations with tax exemption recognized under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code and qualifying as public charities under provisions of Section 509(a)(1) and (2) are eligible to serve as fiscal agents to breastfeeding coalitions. Governmental entities of the State of Kansas and its local units of government are also eligible to serve as fiscal agents to breastfeeding coalitions. Other organizations and individuals are not eligible.

Amount of Award

The maximum award for any one grant project is \$1,000. There is no minimum amount. A single breastfeeding coalition may make more than one grant request and could be awarded more than one grant through this RFP. This is particularly the case when a breastfeeding coalition may serve as a regional coalition.

Period of grant

Grant work should commence between April 1, 2018 and April 30, 2018 and be completed by April 30, 2019. In many cases, the time period of the grant may be shorter.

Limitations on Funding Uses

- Grant funds may not be used for lobbying or political activity as defined in the Internal Revenue Code related to tax exempt organizations.
- Alcoholic beverages may not be purchased with grant funds.
- Grants will not be awarded for contributions to capital campaigns.
- No out-of-state travel will be paid with grant funds.
- Public funds supporting existing projects may not be replaced or supplanted with grant funds.

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- Indirect fees are not allowable in these small grants, except that a small reasonable fiscal agent fee may be paid where necessary to have a third party serve as fiscal agent.

Matching Funds

No matching funding or support—cash or in-kind—is required. Of course, other sources of support—cash or in-kind—may be important to the grant reviewers in determining the strength of the project.

Preferences in Review of Proposals

- Practices which address cultural, ethnic/racial and geographic disparities will be valued in the review process.
- Geographical diversity will be valued in awarding funds so that several Kansas communities have expanded breastfeeding work and resources.
- Projects which provide some benefits beyond the project term will be viewed favorably.

Application Process

The application for this invitation may be found at <http://ksbreastfeeding.org/tools-for-coalitions/>. The application will be completed and submitted via email not later than midnight March 15, 2018. Detailed instructions about completion of the application may be found at the indicated web address and on the application.

Reporting

One set of written reports with 1) some description of activities, challenges, successes, future work and evaluation and 2) line item financial detail will be expected within thirty days of the end of the project period. These reports will be reviewed by staff of the KBC and shared with members of the KBC Board of Directors and potentially publicized on the web, in whole or by summary. Reporting will be completed using an on-line reporting system and written reports will be structured so that responses can be completed within 3 typed pages.

Grant Timeline

*Release of RFP	January 15, 2018
*Proposal deadline	Midnight March 15, 2018
*Notice of awards	April 1, 2018
*Grant awards finalized	April 15, 2018
*Grant project begins	April 15-30, 2018

Kansas Breastfeeding Coalition

Funds for the grant awards are provided by the Kansas Breastfeeding Coalition (KBC). Decisions about which proposals are funded will be made by the members of the KBC Board of Directors supported by KBC staff. To learn more about the work of the KBC, please go to <http://ksbreastfeeding.org/>

At this time (January 2018), the KBC is committed to funding a total of \$5,000 in mini-grants to breastfeeding coalitions through this RFP.

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