Mini-Grants to Improve Breastfeeding Rates in Kansas
2020 Request for Proposals

Eligible local breastfeeding coalitions in Kansas are invited to submit proposals for up to $1,000 to fund activities which will improve breastfeeding rates. Proposals must be submitted through the accompanying form and submitted by 5:00 PM on March 20, 2020.

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 done exclusively in Kansas to benefit Kansans.

Additional resources on breastfeeding work can be accessed at http://ksbreastfeeding.org/resources/ and at http://ksbreastfeeding.org/tools-for-coalitions/.

Eligible Breastfeeding Coalitions
Local 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 on or after April 15, 2020 and be completed by April 14, 2021. 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.
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- Public funds supporting existing projects may not be replaced or supplanted with grant funds.
- 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 5:00 PM March 20, 2020. Detailed instructions about completion of the application may be found on the application.

Reporting
- One progress report to be shared via the KBC Update newsletter during the grant period
- Progress report at the KBC 2020 Breastfeeding Conference, Oct. 30, 2020
- One final written report with 1) description of activities, challenges, successes, future work and evaluation and 2) line item financial detail will be due 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.

Grant Timeline
1. Release of RFP February 6, 2020
2. Proposal deadline 5:00 PM, March 20, 2020
3. Notice of awards April 13, 2020
4. Grant project begins April 15, 2020

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 (February 2020), the KBC is committed to funding a total of $5,000 in mini-grants to breastfeeding coalitions through this RFP.

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