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2015 CALL FOR PROPOSALS

INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY ACCESS TO CHILD HEALTH (ICATCH)
Grant Cycle 7-1-16 to 6-30-19

*3-Year Grants for Projects Improving Child Health in Low- and Low-Middle Income Countries
($2000 per year for total of $6000)*

Welcome!

2015 marks the start of the tenth grant cycle of ICATCH, a program of the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) Section on International Child Health (SOICH).

ICATCH grants are designed for pediatricians and other health workers in low- and low-middle income countries who need financial and advisory support to plan and implement a project or program that improves child health, or increases children's access to health care. Funding for proposals selected in this grant cycle will begin in July 2016 and conclude in June 2019.

An important requirement is that projects establish or continue collaboration with one or more community partners such as local nongovernmental organizations, local governments, schools, faith-based groups or local businesses. Such collaborative partnerships help insure sustainability of the project beyond the 3-year grant period, which is encouraged and expected.

The idea for the project or program should originate from the community where it will take place. We discourage applications where those leading the initiative are not directly involved and invested in the target community.

Types of Projects or Programs Eligible for Funding

ICATCH will consider for funding any community-based project or program that will improve the health of children and their families, or increase children's access to health care services. Such programs could involve (but are not limited to) primary care, oral health care, mental health care, nutrition services, rehabilitation services, injury prevention and safety, services for children with special needs, or the education of health workers or patients and families.

Application Prerequisites

➤ This year, we will accept applications only from low-income and low-middle income countries (see World Bank classification http://data.worldbank.org/about/country-and-lending-groups or the list below). We realize there are many higher income countries with regions of significant health needs; however, this is the criterion for eligibility for this grant cycle.

➤ ICATCH funding cannot be used for research projects. We fund health care services for children, activities that increase access to health services, or training that improves existing services for children. We do allow a portion of an ICATCH project's budget to be used for monitoring and evaluation activities, which are encouraged.

➤ The idea for the project or program should originate from the community where it will take place. We discourage applications where those leading the initiative are not directly involved and invested in the target community.

➤ A Project Director and a Project Co-Director must be listed on the proposal. The Project Director must live or work near the community where the services/training will be offered. Project Directors and Co-Project Directors need not be pediatricians—applications can come from other physicians (including surgeons), nurses, health workers, social workers, dentists, physical therapists and others who provide health care or health education for children and youth.

➤ The Project Director must be a member ($40) or affiliate member ($20) of the AAP Section on International Child Health (AAP's SOICH). An applicant may apply to become a SOICH member or affiliate member at the time of application. If the membership fee presents financial hardship, special arrangements may be made at the time of application. Further information about the process is available on the SOICH website (Click on About SOICH) http://www2.aap.org/sections/ich/ or on page 3 of the Application Instruction Booklet.

➤ A portion of the ICATCH grant can be used for project-related planning (maximum planning period is the first 6 months); however, project service or training activities must begin after the first 6 months (i.e. by the end of 2016).

Who Can Apply for ICATCH Grants

Applicants need not be pediatricians—applications can come from other physicians (including surgeons), nurses, health workers, social workers, dentists, physical therapists and others who provide health care or health education for children and youth. A Project Director and a Project Co-Director must be listed on the proposal. The Project Director must live or work near the community where the services/training will be offered.

Applicants submitting a proposal by the Early Deadline can request brief feedback on their project and application from an ICATCH Application Advisor. This provides an opportunity for revisions and resubmission by the Final Deadline, but early submission is entirely optional.

How Proposals Are Evaluated for Funding

Projects will be selected for funding based on:

- Fit with the ICATCH mission of empowering local health or education workers to improve child health in their community using collaboration with other community agencies or resources.

- The potential of the project to make a difference in the health and well-being of children in the local community.

- The project's potential for sustainability beyond the 3-grant cycle, and the potential for scale up or replication in other communities to impact more children and families.

- How clearly the project goals and activities are described in the abstract and in the answers to application questions.

Proposals Accepted for Funding

Grant recipients are eligible to receive:

- **Funding**: ICATCH will provide financial support up to a maximum of $6000 over a three-year period. Funds are distributed as a maximum of $2000 per year. At the end of each year, recipients must provide a brief annual report of the project or program in order to receive funds for the following year. Funding for this cycle begins in July 2016.

- **Peer Support and Collaboration Opportunities**: If desired, grant recipients can be linked with a pediatrician Project Advisor in the AAP with experience in global child health and, if possible, with specific experience regarding a similar community health project. This partnership could facilitate exchange of ideas and the opportunity to share successes and lessons learned in implementing specific projects.

How to Apply

The ICATCH Grant Application, the ICATCH Application Instruction Booklet, this Call for Proposals and the ICATCH Quick Facts information sheet are available on the ICATCH website: http://www2.aap.org/sections/ich/i_catch.htm

Please refer to the ICATCH Application Instruction Booklet to complete the application. The application is a Microsoft Word file, and should be filled out and submitted as an email attachment (PDF or Word file). The application requires an abstract, a budget for three years, and answers to several questions about your project.

Deadlines

Early Deadline: October 12, 2015

Applications received by this preliminary deadline are eligible to receive feedback in the form of comments from an ICATCH reviewer to improve the application or the project. This feedback can then be used to modify the application or project if desired, as long as the application is submitted again by the final deadline. This early submission process is entirely optional.

Final Deadline: January 18, 2016

All applications, whether revised or first-time submissions, must be <u>received</u> by this date.

ICATCH website: http://www2.aap.org/sections/ich/i_catch.htm

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Thank you for your interest in the ICATCH Program –
We look forward to receiving your proposals!
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82 Countries From Which ICATCH Applications Will Be Accepted
For the 2016-2019 grant cycle:
From World Bank: **http://data.worldbank.org/about/country-and-lending-groups** as of August 12, 2015

Low-income economies:

Afghanistan	Gambia, The	Niger
Benin	Guinea	Rwanda
Burkina Faso	Guinea-Bissau	Sierra Leone
Burundi	Haiti	Somalia
Cambodia	Korea, Dem. Rep.	South Sudan
Central African Republic	Liberia	Tanzania
Chad	Madagascar	Togo
Comoros	Malawi	Uganda
Congo, Dem. Rep	Mali	Zimbabwe
Eritrea	Mozambique	
Ethiopia	Nepal	

Lower-middle-income economies:

Armenia	Indonesia	Samoa
Bangladesh	Kenya	São Tomé and Principe
Bhutan	Kiribati	Senegal
Bolivia	Kosovo	Solomon Islands
Cabo Verde	Kyrgyz Republic	Sri Lanka
Cameroon	Lao PDR	Sudan
Congo, Rep.	Lesotho	Swaziland
Côte d'Ivoire	Mauritania	Syrian Arab Republic
Djibouti	Micronesia, Fed. Sts.	Tajikistan
Egypt, Arab Rep.	Moldova	Timor-Leste
El Salvador	Morocco	Ukraine
Georgia	Myanmar	Uzbekistan
Ghana	Nicaragua	Vanuatu
Guatemala	Nigeria	Vietnam
Guyana	Pakistan	West Bank and Gaza
Honduras	Papua New Guinea	Yemen, Rep.
India	Philippines	Zambia