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ICATCH 2022 – 2025 Grant Cycle Call for Proposals

3-Year grants for programs improving child health in low- and lower-middle-income countries

Funding period July 1, 2022 – June 30, 2025

\$2000 per year for 3 years, total \$6000

Deadline for Preliminary Applications: Friday, December 10, 2021

Deadline for Full Applications (invitation only): Early March 2022

The International Community Access to Child Health program is a grant program of the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) Section on Global Health (SOGH).

ICATCH grants are designed for pediatricians and other health workers in low- and lower-middle income countries who need financial and advisory support to plan and implement a project or program that

- provides clinical care to children or adolescents,
- provides health education for children, adolescents or parents, or
- provides training for health care providers.

PLEASE NOTE:

- ICATCH does not fund research projects, surveys or assessments. Our focus is on providing clinical services and health training.
- We discourage one-time training; if you are considering one-time training for health workers at different sites, consider instead training at fewer sites, or even just one site, with repeated follow-up reinforcement training and assessments of effectiveness.

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

Prior to developing an ICATCH proposal, applicants should ensure that the program is needed, and that it will be supported by the community. Those who will be carrying out the activities of the program should be involved in the proposal planning from the very beginning. We do not fund proposals where those leading the initiative are not directly involved and invested in the target community.

Proposal Requirements

For this grant cycle, we are accepting proposals in the follow areas:

1. **Physical or Developmental Disabilities in Children**

Includes developmental delay, early childhood development, or physical disabilities which are congenital or acquired (e.g., blindness, deafness, cerebral palsy, impairment following conditions such as cerebral malaria, head trauma or seizure disorder, etc.)

NOTE: We will not fund proposals that only carry out screening for disabilities; projects that include screening must also include treatment or therapy for the disability.

2. **Childhood or Adolescent Mental Health** (preschool to age 21 years)

3. **Newborn Health** (projects must focus on the newborn period; can follow infants up to 6 months of age)

NOTE: We will not fund proposals in this area that target only pregnant women or infants older than 6 months of age.

4. **Nutrition/Malnutrition** (for infants 6 months and older through age 21 years). This can include both community and hospital-based programs.

5. **Care of Hospitalized Children** (infants to age 21 years).

We will accept only one Preliminary Application per non-governmental organization (NGO) or community group. We may accept more than one application from academic institutions and hospitals if the projects are different and are submitted by different persons.

Projects must be carried out in a low- or lower-middle income country. Please refer to the list on the World Bank website: <https://datahelpdesk.worldbank.org/knowledgebase/articles/906519> (scroll down to listings by income, green headings). This list is also found at the bottom of this document.

ICATCH funding cannot be used for research projects. However, quality improvement (QI) projects may be an acceptable use of ICATCH funds.

A Project Director and a Project Co-Director must be listed on the proposal. The Project Director must live and work in or near the community where the services/training will be offered. The Project Co-Director may live elsewhere or in another country, provided they will be actively involved in the project for all 3 years of funding.

NOTE: Project leaders should ensure that the others involved in carrying out project activities:

1. are part of the initial planning and application process,
2. support the program, and
3. feel that this work is needed in their community.

For example, if you will be working with community health workers, or teachers, or nurses you should confirm their interest and ability to participate NOW and seek their input in this early planning stage. Such partners must agree to participate BEFORE the Preliminary Application is submitted. Consider enlisting one such individual as a Co-Director for the proposal if appropriate.

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 end of December 2022).

The Preliminary Application will ask for a brief but detailed budget. Note that ICATCH funds cannot be used for salary or honoraria for the Director or Co-Director, or for international travel. Funds can be used for others' salaries.

Who Can Submit a Preliminary Application

Preliminary Applications are accepted from pediatricians, other medical doctors, surgeons, nurses, midwives, health workers, social workers, dentists, physical therapists, or anyone who provides health care or health education for children and youth such as teachers or community health workers.

How Preliminary Applications Will Be Evaluated

Preliminary Applications are evaluated by the ICATCH Review Team made up of a diverse group of 25 pediatricians. Proposals are judged based on the criteria below:

- Fit with the ICATCH mission of helping local health workers or educators improve child health in their communities using collaboration with at least one other community agency or partner group.
- The impact on the health and well-being of children in the local community.
- How clearly the application questions are answered, particularly descriptions of project goals and activities.
- The project's potential for sustainability beyond the 3-year grant cycle, and the potential for scale up or replication in other communities to impact more children and families.

Preliminary Applications that receive highest scoring from reviewers will be invited to submit a Full Application.

How To Submit A Proposal to ICATCH

Step 1:

Carefully read this Call for Proposals to make sure your idea qualifies.

Step 2:

Create an AAP Individual Account.

Applicants do not need to be AAP members; AAP members can use their existing AAP account information.

All applicants need an AAP Individual Account to apply. **You must create an INDIVIDUAL account (NOT an organization account).**

To create an AAP Individual Account, go to the AAP Grants page: <https://grants.aap.org>

Step 3:

After you create an account, return to <https://grants.aap.org> and log in to access the ICATCH Preliminary Application on SurveyMonkey Apply.

If you have technical problems, please email Ms. Sherri Smith icatch@aap.org right away as it may take a few days to correct the issue. Don't wait until the last minute to submit your Preliminary Application.

Deadline for Preliminary Applications is Friday, December 10, 2021 by 11:59pm US Central Time. (UTC-6 hrs.; or Dec 11, 5:59am UTC; or 06:59am December 11, West Africa Time)

Step 4:

If you do not receive a confirmatory email from SurveyMonkey Apply stating that your preliminary application has been received, please contact Ms. Sherri Smith at icatch@aap.org after checking junk/spam folder.

Step 5:

Look for an email from ICATCH in late January 2022 to learn whether you have been selected to submit a full application for ICATCH funding.

For those selected to submit a Full Application, further instructions will be provided at that time, and the deadline for full applications will be in early March 2022.

Funding announcements will be sent out in late May 2022, and funding for Year 1 will be available in early July 2022.

Questions & Additional Information

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**2022 ICATCH Projects Can Be Carried Out in These
World Bank Low-Income and Lower-Middle-Income Countries (82)**

<https://datahelpdesk.worldbank.org/knowledgebase/articles/906519-world-bank-country-and-lending-groups>

27 Low-Income Countries

Afghanistan	Guinea-Bissau	Somalia
Burkina Faso	Korea, Dem. People's Rep	South Sudan
Burundi	Liberia	Sudan
Central African Republic	Madagascar	Syrian Arab Republic
Chad	Malawi	Togo
Congo, Dem. Rep	Mali	Uganda
Eritrea	Mozambique	Yemen, Rep.
Ethiopia	Niger	
Gambia, The	Rwanda	
Guinea	Sierra Leone	

55 Lower-Middle-Income Countries

Angola	Honduras	Philippines
Algeria	India	Samoa
Bangladesh	Indonesia	São Tomé and Príncipe
Belize	Iran, Islamic Rep	Senegal
Benin	Kenya	Solomon Islands
Bhutan	Kiribati	Sri Lanka
Bolivia	Kyrgyz Republic	Tanzania
Cabo Verde	Lao PDR	Tajikistan
Cambodia	Lesotho	Timor-Leste
Cameroon	Mauritania	Tunisia
Comoros	Micronesia, Fed. Sts.	Ukraine
Congo, Rep.	Mongolia	Uzbekistan
Côte d'Ivoire	Morocco	Vanuatu
Djibouti	Myanmar	Vietnam
Egypt, Arab Rep.	Nepal	West Bank and Gaza
El Salvador	Nicaragua	Zambia
Eswatini	Nigeria	Zimbabwe
Ghana	Pakistan	
Haiti	Papua New Guinea	