



**FUNDING OPPORTUNITY: 2013-2015 COMMUNITY GRANTS INITIATIVE AT-A-GLANCE**

First 5 Alameda County (F5AC) is seeking applicants for the **2013-2015 Community Grants Initiative**. The Request for Proposal with complete information is available at the First 5 Alameda County website, [www.first5ecc.org](http://www.first5ecc.org).

**FUNDING CATEGORIES AND AMOUNTS**

CATEGORY	PRIORITIES & BASIC REQUIREMENTS	FUNDING LEVELS
<b>Community Support Grants</b>	Activities that contribute to any of the F5AC strategic plan outcomes. We encourage proposals that creatively address unmet community needs and/or enable organizations to expand their services to include a focus on children ages 0 to 5 and their families. Preference will be given to proposals that serve communities which experience disparities in health and/or educational outcomes.	Minimum of \$15,000 and maximum of \$40,000 over 24 months
<b>Targeted Grants</b>	<p><b>Funding Priority #1:</b> Parents/primary caregivers are better able to support their child’s development/school readiness</p> <p><b>Funding Priority #2:</b> Children receive appropriate developmental and/or behavioral support services, including, but not limited to, services that address concerns about speech and language, and/or social-emotional development</p>	Minimum of \$41,000 and maximum of \$120,000 over 24 months
<b>Neighborhood Partnership Grants</b> (open only to public libraries and park and recreation departments)	School readiness activities that are strength-based, family-centered, developmentally-specific and address F5AC’s Strategic Plan Result Area #2: Children are prepared for school through quality early learning experiences	Minimum of \$41,000 and maximum of \$130,000 over 24 months

**ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS:**

To be eligible to apply in any category, agencies must:

- Use funds to serve children ages 0 to 5 and their families
- Serve Alameda County residents
- Have experience serving children and families
- Agree to comply with First 5 Alameda County requirements as described in the grant agreement
- Be a community based 501(c)3 or have the fiscal sponsorship of a 501(c)3, **or** be a public agency

**ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS BY CATEGORY:**

Community Support applicant agencies must:

- Have experience serving families

Targeted applicant agencies must:

- Have at least two years of experience offering services that are specifically for families with children ages 0 to 5

Partnership applicant agencies must:

- Be a public library or park and recreation department in Alameda County

## IMPORTANT DATES

Application Released	January 2 <sup>nd</sup> , 2013
Targeted and Community Support Applicant Information Sessions (attendance not required, but strongly encouraged)	Tuesday, January 15 <sup>th</sup> , 9:30 am – 11:30 am Wednesday, January 30 <sup>th</sup> , 1:30 pm – 3:30 pm Wednesday, February 13 <sup>th</sup> , 5:30 pm – 7:30 pm
Neighborhood Partnership Applicant Information Session (attendance not required, but strongly encouraged)	Wednesday January 23 <sup>rd</sup> , 2:00 pm – 4:00 pm
<b>Applications Due</b>	<b>Friday, March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2013 by 5:00 pm</b>
<b>Funding Term (24 months)</b>	<b>July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2013 – June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2015</b>

### HOW TO APPLY

**Each applicant may submit only one proposal.** Applicants must complete an online application. Technical assistance to complete the application is available. Application instructions and a link to the online application are available at the F5AC website at [www.first5ecc.org](http://www.first5ecc.org).

Please review the grant application guidelines carefully to learn more about funding priorities, grantee requirements, review criteria, and selection processes.

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