

# EQUITABLE OUTCOMES FOR THRIVING CHILDREN

Thriving Children: Childhood Success, Youth Success

## REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS



### DESCRIPTION

UWSECT requests proposals to partner on programs that drive positive change and improve outcomes for racial and ethnic minority children and youth in programs located in Groton and/or New London, Connecticut.

### SCOPE OF AWARD

- One application per agency.
- Awards up to \$25,000 per agency.
- Adapt or modify *existing* program to improve outcomes for racial and ethnic minority participants.
- May include expansion of services, new enrollments, and other activities that would increase capacity and/or effectiveness.
- Once awarded, agencies will have one year to spend the funds.

### ELIGIBILITY

- Program has a physical location and program serving Groton and/or New London children and/or youth.
- Non-profit 501(c)3 or has a sponsored non-profit fiduciary.
- Not a current United Way Partner Program.
- Program aligns with at least one output and one indicator under Childhood Success or Youth Success (see below).
- Majority of participants (current or to be recruited) represent racial and ethnic minorities or goals to significantly increase minority participation.
- Applicants will need to describe the program's approach in improving outcomes and engaging minority participants.
- Agency must be in existence for at least 3-years.

### EXPECTED OUTPUTS & INDICATORS

The program will perform in one of two categories: Childhood Success or Youth Success. Within the category, programs must choose at minimum of one output and one indicator to measure performance and provide program expectations. **Must choose either Childhood Success or Youth Success.**

### PROPOSAL GUIDELINES

#### RFP Released

July 22, 2021

#### Proposals Due

August 15, 2021 at 5pm

#### Funding Period & Final Report

Sept 1, 2021 to Aug 31, 2022  
Final Reports due Sept 30, 2022

#### Eligible Programs

Youth & Teen programs  
located in Groton or New London

#### Funding Amount

Up to \$25,000 per agency

#### Submission Instructions

[Online application](#) in Grant Center

#### For Questions

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#### Bidders Conference (Virtual)

Thursday, July 29<sup>th</sup> at 3pm  
[Click to Register](#) (not required)  
Review scope, eligibility, and  
application process.

## EXPECTED OUTPUTS & INDICATORS

Childhood Success		Youth Success	
Please choose either Childhood or Youth Success and then choose at minimum 1 output <u>and</u> 1 indicator			
Outcome: Children enter school ready and are successful in primary school.		Outcome: Youth gain the knowledge, skills, and credentials to obtain family-sustaining employment.	
<b>Direct Supports &amp; Services (Outputs)</b>		<b>Direct Supports &amp; Services (Outputs)</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li># of children (0-5) enrolled in high quality early childhood programs.</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li># of elementary, middle, and/or high school youth who participate in school and/or community-based out-of-school time programs and/or receive individualized supports.</li> </ul>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li># of children receiving literacy supports in grade K-3.</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li># of youth who receive job skills training</li> </ul>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li># of families or caregivers who are provided with information, resources, tools, trainings, and/or teaching skills.</li> </ul>			
<b>Indicators</b> (as % of program participants)		<b>Indicators</b> (as % of program participants)	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>% of children (0-5) who achieve developmental milestones.</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>% of youth who graduate high school on time.</li> </ul>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>% of children who are proficient on school readiness assessments by the end of their kindergarten year.</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>% of youth who gain post-secondary employment, further education, or credentials.</li> </ul>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>% of children (K-3) reading at grade level.</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>% of middle/high school youth who earn passing grades in core subject areas.</li> </ul>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>% of children (K-3) who maintain satisfactory or improve school attendance.</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>% of elementary/middle/high school youth who maintain satisfactory or improve school attendance.</li> </ul>	
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>% of youth who develop soft skills.</li> </ul>	
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>% of youth who transition from middle to high school on time.</li> </ul>	
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>% of individuals who are educated about violence prevention and healthy relationships.</li> </ul>	

### APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

- Complete the online application linked above via United Way's Grant Center by due date.
- Staff organizational chart and board roster.
- Program budget.
- Agency Federal 990 and/or Annual Audit (please contact Scott Umbel if your agency does not file either, you may still be eligible).
- Board roster.

### REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

- Final Report due 30-days after the end of the funding period.
- Submit impact stories and media to demonstrate program successes.