

Vision of Hope Grant Guidelines

PURPOSE

The Pennsylvania Coalition Against Rape (PCAR) established the Vision of Hope Fund in 2005 to battle child sexual abuse by funding innovation in child sexual abuse prevention and intervention. We prioritize critical research, effective prevention strategies, teaching adult responsibility and accountability, and supporting services to children who have been sexually victimized.

THE PROPOSAL PROCESS INCLUDES TWO STAGES

1. Open call for Intent to Submit form: Forms must be submitted by 11:59 pm EST, November 2, 2018
 - All applicants must submit an Intent to Submit form, which will include a description of their project. Forms will be reviewed by members of the external review committee. A limited number of applicants will be invited to submit an application.
2. Submission of Application: Invitations for selected applicants to submit an application will be issued by December 10, 2018 with further guidelines. Deadline to submit your application is January 18, 2019.
 - Awards are contingent on availability of funding and are subject to approval.
 - Grants will be awarded for one year, in amounts up to \$50,000. The grant is for activities to be conducted during the period July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020.

ELIGIBILITY OF APPLICANTS

Eligible – 501(c)(3) organizations that have experience in addressing and/or preventing child sexual violence and that are located in the United States or a U.S. Territory.

Ineligible –

- For-profit entities
- Individuals
- Other types of IRS-designated non-profit organizations
- International proposals

FUNDING PRIORITIES

Prevention:

The Vision of Hope Fund supports initiatives and innovative strategies that provide adults and communities with the knowledge and tools to recognize risk factors or signs of abuse and learn to become the interveners and protectors of children. Areas of strategic focus include:

- Reducing child sexual abuse through adult-based education and public awareness
- Providing adults with information to prevent, recognize and respond responsibly in the face of child sexual abuse
- Shifting responsibility for child sexual abuse prevention from children to adults
- Motivating adults to move beyond bystander behavior to become active protectors of children
- Translating current theory, research and practice into practical recommendations to support the prevention of child sexual abuse.

Intervention and Treatment:

Efforts include crisis intervention and therapy to help victims of sexual violence recover. Equally critical are efforts to identify and disseminate the most effective treatment interventions in helping young victims recover. Activities in this area include:

- Providing training for children’s crisis advocates and counselors in cutting-edge treatment strategies such as trauma-focused play therapy
- Disseminating effective, family-focused intervention treatment modules and parent/child therapy protocols to professionals working with families where a child has been sexually abused
- Promoting parenting training in households at high risk for child sexual abuse
- Investing in offender-focused interventions such as the treatment of juvenile sex offenders
- Evaluating the appropriateness and efficacy of existing treatment procedures and protocols commonly used with abused children and their families

DEFINITIONS

Federal Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act definition:

The employment, use, persuasion, inducement, enticement, or coercion of any child to engage in, or assist any other person to engage in, any sexually explicit conduct or simulation of such conduct for the purpose of producing a visual depiction of such conduct; or the rape, statutory rape, molestation, prostitution, or other form of sexual exploitation of children, or incest with children.

Pennsylvania Statute:

An act or failure to act by a perpetrator that causes sexual abuse or sexual exploitation of a child under age 18; any recent act, failure to act, or series of such acts or failures to act by a perpetrator that creates an imminent risk of sexual abuse or sexual exploitation of a child under age 18.

Sexual abuse or exploitation means the employment, use, persuasion, inducement, enticement, or coercion of any child to engage in or assist any other person to engage in any sexually explicit conduct or any simulation of any sexually explicit conduct for the purpose of producing: any visual depiction, including photographing, videotaping, computer depicting, or filming of any sexually explicit conduct.

The rape, sexual assault, involuntary deviate sexual intercourse, aggravated indecent assault, molestation, incest, indecent exposure, prostitution, statutory sexual assault, or other form of sexual exploitation of children.

PCAR/NSVRC definition:

Any sexual contact between a child and an adult (or older child) that results in sexual stimulation and gratification for the adult or older child.

Child sexual abuse may include rape, incest, sodomy, indecent assault, sexual touching or fondling of the child's genitals, exposing children to adult sexual activity, exposing the child to adult movies and photographs (pornography), sexualized talk, having the child pose, undress, or perform in a sexual nature, voyeurism, and prostitution.

ELIGIBLE EXPENSES

- direct personnel cost for project
- direct consultant fees for project
- rent and maintenance of space
- utilities
- office supplies
- printing and duplication
- telephone and internet costs
- postage
- rent and maintenance of equipment
- travel
- public relations/advertising
- education/library materials

INELIGIBLE EXPENSES

- ***creation of new personnel***
- capital expenditures (i.e. mortgage, purchasing a phone system, major building improvements/renovations)
- legislative/lobbying activities
- purchase of equipment
- fundraising expenses
- capital or any major fundraising campaigns including staff time spent working on the actual campaign
- client transportation
- coordination activities necessary to provide services using volunteers
- dues/membership
- insurance
- staff development
- maintenance of a 24-hour hotline
- accompaniment to medical facilities, police investigations, and court proceedings

- crisis intervention
- individual advocacy
- information and referral
- systems advocacy

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- Questions should be directed to Stephanie King at sking@pcar.org.
- This is a competitive process. Not all applications will be funded and applications that are funded may not be funded at the requested level.
- All materials developed under the Vision of Hope Grant award will become the property of PCAR unless otherwise negotiated.
- Questions and answers of general relevance will be added to the FAQs available to all applicants.