

Request for Proposals: Early Childhood Colorado Partnership Mini-Grants



Organization: Early Childhood Colorado Partnership via The Civic Canopy

RFP Release Date: November 5, 2018

Proposals Due: December 3, 2018

Grants awarded: December 14, 2018

Proposals to be submitted via online form: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/eccpminigrant2018>

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INTRODUCTION

The Early Childhood Colorado Partnership (ECCP) is a statewide network of individuals, organizations and agencies actively implementing strategies to move the needle on the prioritized system-level outcomes within the Early Childhood Colorado Framework.

In 2018, the Partnership will award Mini-Grants through an open, competitive process to eligible organizations serving Colorado families and communities. The focus of this funding opportunity is to enhance the ability of ECCP partners to leverage data and strategic communication for greater early childhood impact.

The Early Childhood Colorado Partnership (ECCP) provides the space and conditions for diverse partners across the comprehensive early childhood system – encompassing health, mental health, family support and early learning – to grow and elevate partners and communities to use our collective strengths for greater early childhood impact. Learn more about the ECCP [and our work here](#).

The Civic Canopy serves as a neutral backbone organization to provide the infrastructure and support needed to facilitate the ECCP's collective impact approach.

MINI-GRANT BACKGROUND

These mini grants will support statewide partners to integrate tools and approaches which leverage and/or communicate data more effectively. Examples of use for mini-grants include, but aren't limited to:

- Develop outreach tools like infographics, briefs, data graphics, etc.
- Purchase and utilize software like Tableau, Canva, Kumu, or other visualization tools.
- Build partnerships and agreements between communities and various data owners and/or experts.
- Gather local-level (neighborhood, census tract, municipality, region) data to increase data availability.
- Utilize the [Shared Message Bank](#), [Shared Data Agenda](#), and/or corresponding tools
- Provide trainings on framing, social math, data visualization, or software to key stakeholders.

When implemented, the desired outcomes of this mini-grant are:

- Improved organization/agency access to data.
- Strengthened partnerships between communities and data owners/experts.
- Enhanced organization/agency capacity to frame and communicate data effectively.
- Improved access, ability to utilize technology tools for visualization and communication of data.

GRANT REQUIREMENTS

The 2018 Capacity Building opportunity will award up to \$1,000, along with up to two hours of technical assistance from the Canopy/ECCP Action Teams. Other potential complimentary TA offerings (webinar trainings, etc.) may be determined by the Action Teams ongoing.

Priority will be granted to applicants which:

- Cover remote and underserved geographic areas and/or populations
- Clearly demonstrate using and/or embedding an ECCP tool or approach
- Develop products, resources or approaches which hold potential to benefit a broad range of early childhood partners and/or children and families

REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

If awarded a grant, a brief one-page report of activities and outcomes will be required at the end of the grant period, due March 1, 2019. This will include sharing any materials via the ECCP [Messages in Action Map](#) so others in the network can view and learn.

Please note that you will receive a reply by email confirming your application has been received. If you do not receive the confirmation email, please contact The Civic Canopy at (303) 292-3144 x212 to confirm your submission was received.

