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**REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL (RFP)**

**TRAUMA-RESPONSIVE CARE GRANT PROPOSAL**  
*BUILDING COMMUNITY RESILIENCE TO EARLY CHILDHOOD TRAUMA*

**RELEASE DATE: FEBRUARY 3, 2021**  
**GRANT APPLICATION DUE: MARCH 1, 2021**  
**GRANT START DATE: MAY 1, 2021**



## 2021 TRAUMA-RESPONSIVE CARE GRANT PROPOSAL

### *BUILDING COMMUNITY RESILIENCE TO EARLY CHILDHOOD TRAUMA*

#### **Introduction**

As part of Georgia's Preschool Development- Birth through Five Renewal Grant, the Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning (DECAL) is pleased to offer a funding opportunity to increase understanding and strengthen capacity related to trauma-responsive care for the birth to five population. Through this funding opportunity, communities will create a collective understanding of how early childhood trauma can impact children's future learning and development; build cross-sector collaborative of local leaders; and implement trauma-responsive care practices. DECAL will select up to nine communities across Georgia. Selected communities will receive up to \$10,000 in funding to implement proposed community-based trauma-informed project plans to address the needs of children experiencing trauma.

To support the successful planning of your proposal, DECAL has partnered with Georgia State University's Child Welfare Training Collaborative to offer a 2-hour virtual training session using *Building a Response to Trauma* (BART) curriculum. This virtual training will provide strategies for you to include in the development of a community-based trauma-responsive care project plan. In addition to the BART training, this virtual session will also include an overview of DECAL's Trauma-Responsive Care grant and offer suggested resources to support a successful application. This recommended virtual training will be available from 1:00-3:00 p.m. on February 9, 2021. [Register for this training here.](#) A recording of this training will be posted on our DECAL website [here.](#) Training attendance is not mandatory to apply for this grant.

#### **Overview**

Each proposal for eligibility will be required to include the following:

- Build a cross-sector collaborative of local leaders. This includes six to ten community stakeholders from various organizations such as the Georgia Department of Public Health (DPH), the Georgia Division of Family and Children Services (DFCS), local law enforcement, Georgia Family Connection Collaboratives, Georgia's Pre-K programs, Head Start programs, local child care programs, and local school systems. Each collaborative will participate in trainings to support a collective understanding of how early childhood trauma can impact children's future learning and development
- Develop and implement a strategic plan to move trauma awareness into trauma-responsive community-wide action for addressing the needs of children experiencing trauma for the birth to five population.
- Dissemination of trauma-responsive local resources and materials to families and providers related to trauma-focused strategies and interventions.

In order to support each selected community, DECAL has partnered with Georgia State University's Child Welfare Training Collaborative (CWTC) to offer community-based trainings focused on understanding how to support children and families experiencing trauma and how early childhood trauma can impact children's future learning

and development. Selected communities will complete three virtual trainings and three virtual follow-ups with Georgia State University staff. Training topics include Understanding the Impact of Trauma on Children, Understanding the Impact of Trauma on Brain Development in Children and Youth, and a choice of the following three trainings: Trauma/Brain 201 Building Resilience as a Response to Trauma, Recognizing and Managing Secondary Traumatic Stress, or Psychological Safety: A Pathway to Resilience.

In addition to the trainings listed above, DECAL will provide grants to communities to support attaining the goals detailed in their community-based trauma-responsive care action plans. Each applicant will be eligible to apply for up to \$10,000 in funding to be used by April 30, 2022. Grantees will be required to contribute an in-kind match of funding and/or services that have a total value of 30% of the grant award.

Grant requirements include:

- Development of Leadership Collaborative
- Attendance at Trainings
- Implementation of a Community-Based Trauma-Responsive Care project plan
- Dissemination of trauma-informed local resources and materials
- Completion of the Trauma-Responsive Care grant final report

### **Grantee Requirements**

Each community across Georgia will receive an opportunity to apply for DECAL's Trauma-Responsive Care Grant to support their Community-Based Trauma-Responsive Care project plan. All communities who receive the Trauma-Responsive Care Grant will commit to:

- Ensuring that an appropriate fiscal agent, such as a non-profit, government entities, or school system, is identified for oversight of any approved funds
- Developing vital partnerships among community leaders who will support grant activities and outcomes
- Ensuring that all identified members of this grant attend and participate in training opportunities
- Support the development and implementation of proposed community-based action plan
- Assuring the completion and submission of Trauma-Responsive Care grant Performance Reports and Expense Reports
- Assuring the completion and submission of Trauma-Responsive Care Grant Final Report
- Contributing money or in-kind services to their projects that have a total value of 30% of the grant award they receive.

### **Eligible Applicants**

501(c)(3) Non-profit organizations, government entities, or school systems

### **Application Submission and Award Timeline**

Applications must meet the following guidelines to be reviewed:

- Applications must be typed, not handwritten
- Applications must be completed in FULL
- Applications must be submitted by the due date
  - Applications submitted must be sent via email no later than 5:00 p.m. on March 1, 2021. Applications will not be accepted after the due date and time.
- Applications should be addressed to:
  - To: [communityimpactgrants@decalfga.gov](mailto:communityimpactgrants@decalfga.gov)

- Subject: Trauma-Responsive Care Grant, *Building Community Resilience to Early Childhood Trauma*, Application Submission

February 3, 2021	Release of Trauma-Responsive Care Grant application
February 5, 2021 at 2:00 p.m.	<i>Community Impact Funding Opportunities Webinar</i> , register <a href="#">here</a> .
February 9, 2021 at 1:00 p.m.	<i>Trauma-Responsive Care Grant Webinar</i> , register <a href="#">here</a> .
March 1, 2021	Trauma-Responsive Care Grant applications due by 5:00 p.m.
April 1, 2021	Trauma-Responsive Care Grant recipients notified
April 2021 (date TBD)	Trauma-Responsive Care Grant orientation for grantees
May 1, 2021	Trauma-Informed Care Grants awarded; recipients begin work
May 1, 2021 to April 30, 2022	Trauma-Informed Care Grant term

## **Funding Awards**

Each applicant will be eligible to apply for up to \$10,000 in funding to be used by April 30, 2022. Grantees will be required to contribute an in-kind match of funding and/ or services that have a total value of 30% of the grant award. Technical assistance will be provided to support utilization of funds.

### **Permissible Uses of Funds:**

- Payments for staffing, consumable supplies, and one-time expenditures that can be sustained through ongoing partnerships
- Costs associated with providing CWTC trainings (training facilities, stipends for participants in professional learning, substitutes for teachers, resource materials, speakers, printing)
- Printing costs for items such as marketing fliers; banners and posters; and promotional and educational materials
- Fees for contract services such as meeting or training facilitation
- Rent for meeting or office space
- Cost of educational items; books; curriculum materials; and office, event, and meeting supplies
- Personnel-related expenses, including pay for contract staff engaged for the scope of the project or for a pro rata share of an FTE
- Obtaining appropriate resources to inform families about trauma-responsive care

### **Prohibited Uses of Funds:**

- Food items or meals
- Child care expenses for families
- Salaries and/or benefits for staff or volunteers
- Capital expenditure such as building improvements

## **Grant Application Guidelines**

Applicants should provide a professionally composed and complete answer to each question. Failure to answer all questions fully will result in an incomplete application. Incomplete applications will not be reviewed.

Applications **must** be typed and may not exceed 15 pages, including all attachments and budget documentation. Applications must be emailed to [communityimpactgrants@decal.ga.gov](mailto:communityimpactgrants@decal.ga.gov) by 5 p.m. on March 1, 2021.

**Cover Page** - Must include: Project Name, person completing application, title/role, telephone number, application date, and total pages.

**Goals** – Describe your long-term vision and commitment to become or expand services for a trauma-responsive community and what makes your community a good candidate for a Trauma-Responsive Care grant? (15 points)

**Project Plan** – Explain your community’s needs to build a strong support for young children and families experiencing trauma? Describe your community-based trauma-responsive care project plan including, 1) knowledge of trauma-responsive care strategies to support young children and families impacted by trauma, 2) experience working with programs that work with young children, 3) sustainability and proposed impact on children who have experienced trauma? How will trauma-informed local resources and materials be disseminated to families How will the partners achieve the goals over the term of the grant? (40 points)

**Governance** – Which partners will make up your cross-sector leadership collaborative? Which partners will work together to achieve the community objective? How is this demonstrated in letters of support from implementation partners? Who will be the main point of contact and the entity receiving funding? (20 points)

**Budget** – How will the money be spent? How will this work be sustained after the project period? Provide a budget table and a budget narrative. (25 points)

### **Questions**

Questions regarding this RFP may be submitted to [communityimpactgrants@dec.al.ga.gov](mailto:communityimpactgrants@dec.al.ga.gov) only until 5:00 p.m. on March 1, 2021. When submitting your question(s), please include Trauma-Responsive Care Grant in the email subject line.