



—● **Positive Family Connections (PFC)
Family Network Mini Grant
Information Session**

March 28, 2024

 King County

Best Starts for
KIDS

● AGENDA

- Overview of Best Start for Kids
- Review key elements of the Request for Proposal(RFP)
- RFP Rating and Review
- ZoomGrants Application Basics
- Technical Assistance
- Question and Answer



● VISION

Happy, Healthy, Safe and Thriving

We want to see babies born healthy, kids thrive, and young people grow up to be happy, healthy, successful adults.

MISSION

Best Starts for Kids strengthens families and communities so that babies are born healthy, children thrive and establish a strong foundation for life, and young people grow into happy, healthy adults.



● CYAB AND EQUITY STATEMENT

- Equity is an ardent journey toward well-being as defined by the affected
- Equity is disruptive and uncomfortable and not voluntary
- Equity is fundamental to the community we want to build

[Full statement can be found here.](#)



PRINCIPLES



PROMOTION



PREVENTION



**EARLY
INTERVENTION**



**POLICY &
SYSTEMS
CHANGE**



Funding Basics for Best Starts 2.0

- **6-year property tax levy**
- **19 cents per \$1,000 assessed value**
- **Average cost: \$114 for 600K home**
- **March 2021 projected revenue: \$879M**

● INVESTMENT AMOUNTS FOR 2.0 LEVY (2022 – 2027)



Child Care – ~\$200M

Capital Projects – up to \$50M

TA/ Capacity Building – ~\$10M

Homelessness Prevention - ~ \$22M

Investing Early (P-5) – 50% of remaining levy

Sustaining the Gain (5-24) – 37% of remaining levy

Communities Matter – 8% of remaining levy

Data and Evaluation – 5% of remaining levy

BSK SUSTAIN THE GAIN (FIVE TO 24)

Direct Services

- Expanded Learning
- Healthy and Safe Environments
- Liberation & Healing from Systemic Racism
- **Positive Family Connections**
- SB:SBIRT
- School-Based Health Centers
- Stopping the School to Prison Pipeline
- Transitions to Adulthood
- Youth Development

Integration & Other Strategies

- Lead & Toxics
- Child and Adolescent Immunizations

—● WHAT IS POSITIVE FAMILY CONNECTIONS?

Positive Family Connections strengthen parent-to-parent engagement, kinship care relationships, intergenerational and cultural heritage bonds, restorative practices, personal development for young people and parents/caregivers, and the connections among these family members.

Current awardees funded July 1, 2020-December 31, 2024

Atlantic Street
Center

Catholic
Community
Services

Congolese
Integration
Network

Kandelia

Mary's Place

Mother Africa

Open Doors for
Multicultural
Families

Resilient In
Sustaining
Empowerment
(RISE)

Southeast Youth &
Family Services

Southwest Youth &
Family Services

Technology Access
Foundation (TAF)

● WHAT IS POSITIVE FAMILY CONNECTIONS (PFC) FAMILY NETWORK?

- Started meeting every other month February 2023
- Purpose is to center family voices and create a culture of building strong partnerships between families, community-based organizations and Best Starts. Sharing resources, co-creating authentic family engagement strategies, listening to family needs that arise in the community and offer a space of continued collaboration and connection.
- 13 Active Members (from 11 current awardees, includes young people and parents/caregivers)

● WHAT IS POSITIVE FAMILY CONNECTIONS (PFC) FAMILY NETWORK?

- PFC Strategy had an opportunity to do a mini grant for community and so we co-designed this RFP with our PFC Family Network.
- They pinpointed the 3 focus areas of this RFP which are:
 - Self-Care
 - Helping Working Families
 - Mental Health Support

EXAMPLE PROPOSALS FOR THE 3 FOCUS AREAS

Self-Care

1. Offer a retreat for caregivers with a focus on Self-Care and provide childcare stipends so caregivers can have respite time.
2. Host family field trips or a camp that supports relationship building.
3. Provide a workshop series with a focus on Self-Care.

● EXAMPLE PROPOSALS FOR THE 3 FOCUS AREAS

Helping Working Families

1. Offer trainings on Financial Literacy.
2. Host workshops for caregivers and youth to connect with each other while learning about employment opportunities and receiving job readiness support including how to build a resume, complete an application and the opportunity to purchase interview clothes by providing clothing stipends.

—● EXAMPLE PROPOSALS FOR THE 3 FOCUS AREAS

Mental Health Support

1. Plan and offer a Mental Health Resource Fair for the community involving families in the planning process on varying levels which could include providing feedback, co-creation or leading the project.
2. Offer relevant youth-led activities that are of interest to youth and are convened in the community and focus on learning about available mental health resources.
3. Host a culturally specific event or multiple events that offer a supportive environment for caregivers to teach/share cultural traditions to their youth through positive self, family and cultural identity and strengthening relationships between the generations.

● SUMMARY

Funding available: **\$130,000**

Application due date: **April 26, 2024**

Contract period: **Contract July 1, 2024 –
December 31, 2024**

Funding request limits: **\$10,000**

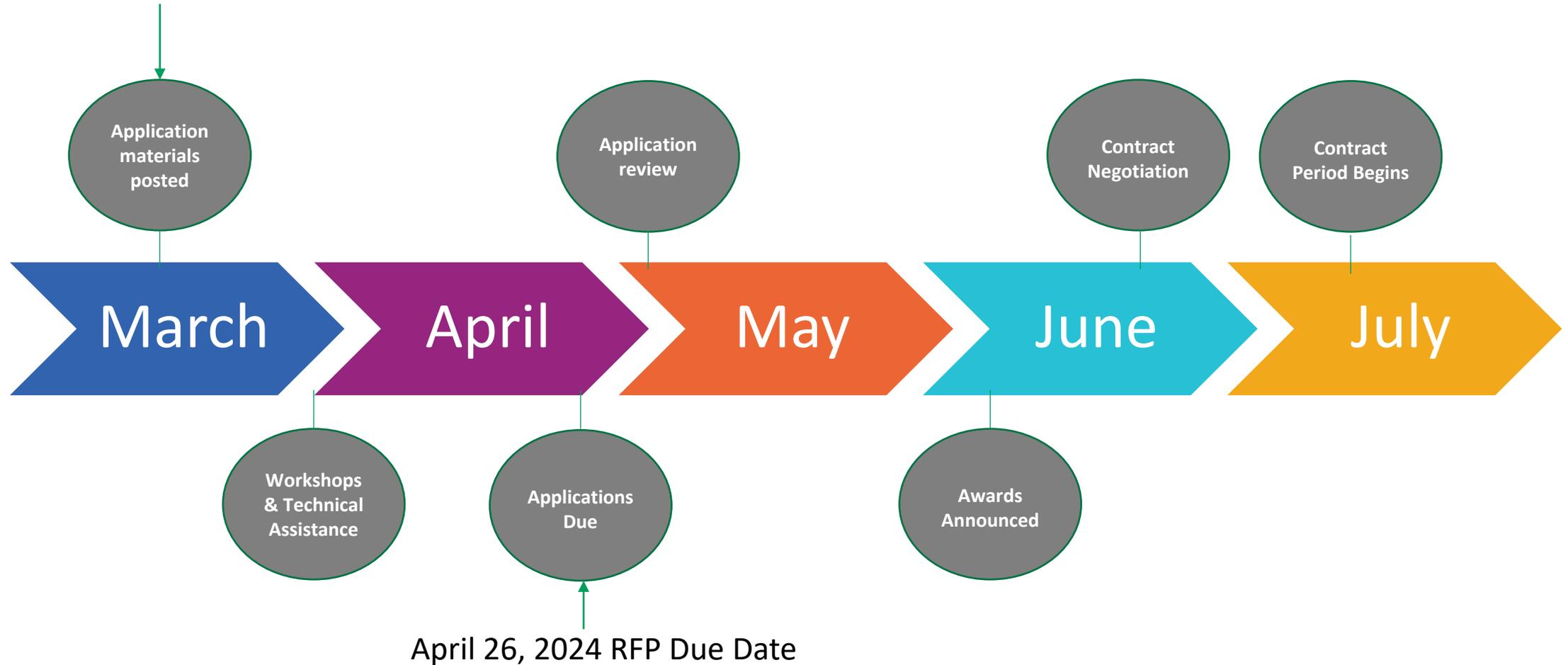
Anticipated number of awards: **13**

TIMELINE

RFP release	March 15, 2024
Online info session	March 28, 2024, 5 – 6 p.m.
Final day to submit questions via ZoomGrants	April 24, 2024
Final day to initiate request for technical assistance	April 19, 2024
Proposals due	April 26, 2024 by 2:00 p.m.
Responses reviewed	April 29, 2024 through May 13, 2024
Interviews with applicants (if requested by review panel)	May 2024
Notification of selected and non-selected applicants	June 2024
Contract negotiations with selected applicants	June 2024
Anticipated program/contract start date	July 1, 2024

POSITIVE FAMILY CONNECTIONS FAMILY NETWORK MINI GRANT APPLICATION PROCESS TIMELINE

March 15, 2024 RFP Announcement



● FUNDING PRIORITIES

Our Positive Family Connections strategy partners with community to strengthen and build positive relationships between parents, caregivers, and young people.

This RFP seeks to fund activities that support families with young people ages 5-24 as they navigate their changing relationships to strengthen the family, particularly the relationship between the young person and their parents/adult caregivers. Funding can be one-time projects or events in 2024. We welcome creative ideas that includes a focus on self-care, help with working families, and/or mental health support.

Focus communities include but are not limited to:

- Communities that have been historically marginalized and disproportionately impacted by historical trauma, racism, the COVID-19 pandemic, and other adverse experiences that can impact emotional and mental well-being.

WHO IS THIS RFP FOR?

*RFP = REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

This request is open to families collaborating for the purpose of improving connection among caregiving adults and the children and young people in their care. Current Positive Family Connections awarded partners are not eligible to apply.

Eligible applicants must meet the following minimum qualifications:

1. Be a group of collaborating families who develop or implement the proposal in partnership with a fiscal sponsor.
2. Must have an active relationship for two years or more with the organization who will serve as their fiscal sponsor.
3. Must currently be an active family network or coalition.
4. Reside in King County and host or deliver the program and services within King County.

● RFP RATING & REVIEW

- Carefully review the rating criteria (Section IX. Part 1.)
- The review panel will closely follow this scoring rubric.
- All proposals submitted will go through a formal review process.
- The appeals process is outlined in the RFP.

HOW TO APPLY

To apply for this RFX, please visit:

[https://www.zoomgrants.com/zgf/King County, WA/Positive Family Connections Family Network Mini Grant](https://www.zoomgrants.com/zgf/King_County,_WA/Positive_Family_Connections_Family_Network_Mini_Grant)

In ZoomGrants:

1. Respond to all questions under each tab.
2. Upload Fiscal Sponsor letter to the "Determination of Minimum Qualifications" tab.
3. Submit any additional documentation you would like us to consider in the "Determination of Minimum Qualifications" tab where it says "applicant may add additional documents here (optional)".
4. Use the "Budget Upload" tab to upload your completed budget up to \$10,000.

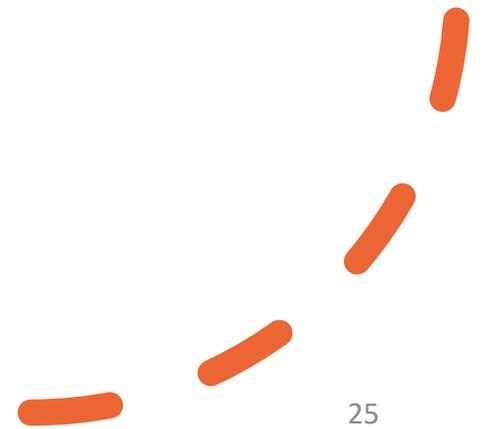
Any Questions:

Email RFP Lead, Leslie Miller at DCHSContracts@kingcounty.gov.

ZOOMGRANTS APPLICATION REMINDERS

1. Applications must be received via ZoomGrants no later than 2pm on the April 26th.
2. Regularly check ZoomGrants for any updates, clarifications, or amendments to this RFP.
- 3. If you experience technical issues with ZoomGrants, submit a ticket to ZoomGrants or contact the RFP Lead for assistance.**
4. Allow sufficient time to ensure timely receipt of the application or to resolve any technical difficulties with ZoomGrants.

ZOOMGRANTS DEMO



● TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

Free technical assistance (TA) is available to support applicants and eliminate barriers that might prevent you from seeking funding, through April 19th.

TA providers can:

- Assist in determining appropriate fit between your program and the RFP;
- Provide guidance on how best to answer questions and where to find supportive data;
- Support application review, including editing and budget review. TA is not grant writing.

● ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

- Email questions to dchscontracts@kingcounty.gov
- Contact **Technical Assistance Providers** directly for support
- See the **glossary of terms** for a list of relevant definitions



—● QUESTIONS?



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