Opportunities for Children iFund
2020 Grant Application Guidelines and Information

Deadlines
Information Meeting: 2/11/20 at 3:00PM
Email requests for application access: Available 2/11/20 – 3/6/20
GiveSmartOKC Deadline: 2/18/20
Grant Access Deadline: 3/6/20
Grant Application Deadline: 4/3/20

All deadlines are by 5:00 pm of the date listed. No exceptions.

The Opportunities for Children iFund grant was designed to provide opportunities and enrichment for children ages 0–14 who otherwise would not have access. There will be funding preference for the following:

- Programs that provide enrichment activities
- Programs that leverage resources and that demonstrate collaboration between two or more organizations
- Programs that utilize developmentally appropriate, evidence-based strategies

Programs may be new, continuing, or existing. Previous grantees may reapply for additional funding if the program successfully achieved its goals. Grants will be awarded in the range of $5K–$40K. No grants will be made for capital campaigns, fund-raising events, research projects, vehicle purchase, clinical equipment, or facility construction. Support for administrative needs such as occupancy, communications, computer equipment, and overhead are rarely funded.

Grant Requirements
- The organization must be a 501(c)(3) nonprofit with a current, updated GiveSmartOKC profile
- Programs must serve children ages 0–14
- Programs must provide direct services in central Oklahoma; the Board of Directors must be located in central Oklahoma
- Programs must not be limited by residency, membership, or association with a particular institution

Funding Areas
Eligible programs include:
- Preschool children: Programming/services that are focused on building school readiness. Examples: early education programs, early literacy programs, and/or family engagement programming.
- Foster children: Programming/services that support foster children. Examples: housing, mental health, mentoring, basic needs, resource centers, education, therapy, life/job skills, recreational/social/cultural opportunities, and re-unification programs.
- Underserved children: Programming/services that provide recreational, social, and cultural activities for children who would otherwise not have the opportunity to participate due to socioeconomic or geographic barriers, developmental disabilities (physical and/or intellectual), or chronic health conditions. Note: Programming that takes place during school hours is not eligible.
Application Process
In order to streamline the online application process, all applicants are required to have a published GiveSmartOKC profile prior to obtaining application access. For applicants that do not have a GiveSmartOKC profile or that have a question, please contact givesmartokc@occf.org or call Rachel Mouton at 405/606-2918. Please note that due to platform changes, the GiveSmartOKC profile must have been updated within the last 12 months, and this must be complete by 2/18/20.

To receive access to apply, please email the name and address of your organization to ifund@occf.org no later than March 6th, 2020 at 5:00 pm. Include a brief, one-paragraph description of your project, how the funds will be allocated, and the target population. To ensure that your project is within the scope of the Opportunities for Children iFund requirements, please review the eligibility parameters listed above. If approved, you will receive an email including an access code and web address for the online application.

The application will require you to describe the specific program and services for which funding support is requested, and to provide a budget and documentation of need in the community. Selected organizational financial information will be required. Individuals completing an application must be a staff member or member of the governing board.

Information Meeting
All interested applicants are strongly encouraged to attend an informational meeting about the Opportunities for Children iFund grant program at 3:00 pm, Tuesday, February 11th, at the Oklahoma City Community Foundation.

Grant Deadline and Notification
Deadline for submission of all grant application materials is Friday, April 3rd at 5:00 pm. The grant application will be reviewed by a committee of community members, and recommendations for approval will be submitted to the board of Trustees. Grantees will be notified of a decision by late May, 2020.

Reporting
Grantees will be required to submit a midway evaluation report and a final report via the online platform.

Questions & Clarifications
Potential applicants are welcome to address questions or concerns by emailing ifund@occf.org with the subject line “iFund Children”, or by contacting Sharon Astrin at s.astrin@occf.org or 405/606-2920. Replies will be provided in a timely manner during the work week (excluding holidays). Questions will not be answered after the deadline.