



Best Start Region 4 Grant Agreement

Organization: City of Long Beach- Department of Health and Human Services ("Grantee")

Project Title: All Children Thrive

Grant Amount: \$25,000

Term of Grant: June 2022 - June 2023

Congratulations on your award of the 2022/2023 Best Start Network Building Grant. By becoming a grantee of Best Start, you are now part of a network that brings together parents, community organizations, institutions, and others to improve policies and resources that serve the needs of young children and their families. Best Start is focused on people-centered power and movement building, and your organization is key to that. The purpose of this grant program is to strengthen the collective will within communities, organizations, and systems to promote the safety, healthy development, and well-being for children prenatal to age five and their families in the Best Start Region 4 communities of Central Long Beach and Wilmington.

This grant is awarded by The Nonprofit Partnership (TNP) to support the work of Best Start Region 4 subject to the following terms and conditions:

1. Grant Plan – Scope of Work, Deliverables, Timeline

Scope of Work

With the support of *Best Start Central Long Beach*, All Children Thrive (ACT) Long Beach is a network of people and agencies in the community working together to develop strategies and policies that can help children thrive as they live, learn and play in Long Beach. ACT identifies what children in Long Beach need to reach their fullest potential while supporting existing resources and closing gaps for children who are disproportionately affected by inequities. By adopting the Accountable Community of Health (ACH) framework to support its mission and vision, ACT tackles the root causes that have led to the striking disparities that exist across Long Beach. This framework has been vital to establishing ACT's mission, vision, governance structure, community engagement model, and more. For many years, collaboratives have existed in Long Beach, however, no other collaborative has attempted to promote a holistic initiative that focuses on the well-being of almost 40,000 children under the age of eight in Long Beach.

ACT believes that healthy families and communities lead to positive outcomes for children. ACT envisions a Long Beach where all children and families are loved, healthy, learning, thriving and succeeding. ACT directly aligns with three of Best Start Central Long Beach's (BSCLB) Change Goals: (1) Build community knowledge on child development and parenting skills, (2) Prevent child abuse and neglect, and (3) Increase access to quality and affordable childcare. ACT impacts systems by coupling content experts across multiple sectors with context experts (i.e. those in our community with lived experience), ensuring that community voices are front and center.

The City of Long Beach Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) serves as the backbone organization of ACT and its Steering Committee. The Steering Committee upholds a dispersed leadership model – collectively agreed upon by ACT members – to influence members and their respective agencies to drive the work and invest more in the collaborative. DHHS seeks funding to convene the ACT network's expansion, perform network strength analysis and evaluation, and continue providing resident leadership opportunities. More specifically, the funding that is sought in this proposal will fund a meeting facilitator, the costs associated with meetings, resident leader stipends, translation and interpretation fees, and child watch (if meeting in person).

The COVID-19 pandemic provided ACT an unique opportunity to reexamine the value add of the collaborative and ensure it was meeting the needs of the community. Other collaboratives as a result of their participation in ACT, began to address the needs of children in a holistic response, which has allowed ACT to alter their approach. Instead of running a closed Steering Committee, ACT will now offer all collaboratives, agencies, sectors and residents who support the lives of children 0-8 and their families space to: (1) convene quarterly to learn best or emerging practices related to young children, (2) cross-pollinate ideas to elevate existing programs, (3) connect to policy advocacy efforts, and (4) network with others in community. ACT and DHHS have a

successful history of convening collective impact initiatives, and can lend their expertise to those within the newly expanded ACT network. By creating this space, not only will ACT fill a gap in the system, it will also provide the early child system with valuable networking opportunities that will lead to increased support for children, increased access to needed services, reduction in duplication, and leveraged support for early child investments throughout the community

Deliverables

ACT's vision goals include the following: (1) Increase the health of children from birth through age eight; (2) Improve children's ability to learn successfully; (3) Ensure children grow in safe environments; and (4) Support the social, emotional, and mental health needs of children and their families. As the ACT Steering Committee unifies children- and family-serving collaboratives, agencies, and sectors, they will share best practices, opportunities to network and cross-pollinate ideas to collectively serve Long Beach children. System-wide data measures will need to be identified by the ACT network and agreed upon by the Steering Committee. As it relates to the network, DHHS will measure the number of network members (agencies, collaboratives, and resident leaders), the strength of those connections, and the progress of the 100+ interventions listed in the Long Beach Early Childhood Education Committee. During the early part of the pandemic, the ACT Steering Committee developed a mutual aid network for its members to ensure that all participants had access to emerging mitigation strategies and PPE. In the summer of 2020, ACT's Steering Committee was able to develop a short-term COVID emergency response Portfolio of Interventions, which included the distribution of 3,000 developmental supply kits for children ages 0-4, 50,000 diapers, \$360,000 worth of child care subsidies, 580 children's mental health kits, and the development of an awareness campaign to prevent child abuse.

Timeline

This project is to be carried out during the 2022-2023 program year

2. Best Start Partnership – Network Building

All grantees are required to:

- complete an organizational assessment
- participate in a Best Start Network orientation
- connect program participants to the Best Start LNC team at Long Beach Forward for other Best Start program opportunities
- participate in the Best Start Learning Community
- complete a final survey that will explore opportunities for collaboration and support of the community priorities established by *Best Start Central Long Beach*.

The Best Start Leadership Team has requested that Grantee participates in Community Partnership meetings and potentially facilitate a skill share or educational topic at one of the meetings (if appropriate). ***Due to current COVID-19 guidelines for gathering, this may be in the form of an online skill share for parents or organizational partners.*

3. Reporting

- a. Collect success stories, pictures, and participant feedback to send quarterly to TNP.
- b. Mid-year and Final Reports are designed to provide periodic assessments of activities being supported. The mid-year report is due by January 15, 2023 and the final report will be due July 15, 2023. Reporting should include the following information:
 - A description of work conducted by Grantee during the period in pursuit of the general objectives set forth in the grant proposal.
 - A description of program participants, including, but not excluded to: zip code, number of participants that already participate in Best Start, number of participants not connected to Best Start, non-duplicated participants
 - An evaluation of the impact and results of work undertaken and an assessment of progress that has been made in meeting stated goals. Grantee is encouraged to report not only the positive results of its activities, but also any problems that have arisen along with a description of measures that have or will be put into practice to resolve them.

- A description and explanation of any changes in the nature, methodology, and/or objectives of the project as presented in the initial funding proposal.
- A description of how funding was utilized during the project period.

4. Grant Contacts, Records

Contact Persons

Grantee and TNP will each appoint one individual to act as principal contact person for notices and other communications under this agreement. This point of contact person can be changed at any time by written notice to the other party. The initial appointees are identified as:

The Nonprofit Partnership	Organization
Meghan Stanford Systems Change Manager mstanford@tnpsocal.org 562-888-6530	Christina.Boatwright@longbeach.gov Resource Connections Division Officer (562) 570-4209

Recordkeeping

Grantee will maintain its books and records in a manner that will provide TNP with sufficient detail to review receipts and expenditures relating to the grant. Grantee will make such records available for review by TNP upon reasonable notice during the Grant Period and for four years after the termination or expiration of this agreement.

5. Payment Terms, Expenditure of Funds, Unused Funds

Payment Terms

TNP will pay the Grant Amount to Grantee in a single up-front installment. Grantee must accept the terms of this Agreement prior to disbursement of grant funds. Within 60 days of receiving the countersigned original of this Agreement, TNP will disburse the grant funds to Grantee per mutually agreeable arrangements.

Expenditure of Funds

The funds provided may be spent only in accordance with the provisions of Grantee's funding request and budget as approved. The program and budget are subject to modification only with Grantor's prior written approval. Questions that may arise about the program's responsibilities, goals, expected results, and workplan are resolved by reference to these documents. TNP reserves the right to exercise oversight, in whatever manner it deems suitable with respect to Grantee's use of these funds.

Unused Funds

At the conclusion of the grant period, Grantee agrees to return any unexpended or unaccounted for funds to TNP, or to submit a written request for an extension of the grant period. Grantee agrees to return all disbursed funds if (1) grant funds have not been used for their intended purpose, or (2) have been used inconsistent with the terms of this agreement, or (3) if the activities or outputs funded by the grant are materially incomplete by the end of the grant period, as determined by TNP in its sole discretion.

6. Marketing & Press Communication

All outreach and marketing materials must be branded with the Best Start Central Long Beach logo and follow First 5 LA/Best Start guidelines, which will be provided to all grantees via TNP. Outreach activities must be made in conjunction with the Best Start Local Network Contractor Team.

Any contact with the press must be done in coordination with Best Start Central Long Beach. Any information sent to the press (press releases, images, videos, etc) must be done with the approval of TNP. Communication with the press must make it clear that this is a project funded and approved by the *Best Start Central Long Beach* partnership for the goal of benefitting children ages 0-5 and their families in Central Long Beach.

7. Required Notification

Grantee is required to provide TNP with immediate written notification of: (1) any changes in the organization's tax-exempt status; (2) Grantee's inability to expend the grant for the purposes described in the grant award letter; or (3) any expenditure from this grant made for any purpose other than those for which the grant was intended.

On behalf of Grantee, I understand and agree to the foregoing terms and conditions of The Nonprofit Partnership's grant, and hereby certify my authority to execute this agreement on Grantee's behalf.

CITY OF LOS ANGELES DEPARTMENT OF THE ENVIRONMENT & NATURE SERVICES

Signature: Linda F. Tatum EXECUTED PURSUANT
Printed Name: LINDA F. TATUM TO SECTION 301 OF
THE CITY CHARTER.

Title: ASST. CITY MANAGER

Date: August 16, 2022

APPROVED AS TO FORM
August 11, 2022
CHARLES PARKIN, City Attorney
By Taylor M. Anderson
TAYLOR M. ANDERSON
DEPUTY CITY ATTORNEY

The Nonprofit Partnership

Signature: Michelle Byerly
Michelle Byerly (Jun 10, 2022 15:51 PDT)

Printed Name: Michelle Byerly

Title: Executive Director

Date: Jun 10, 2022