

Children, Youth, and Families Focus Area Overview

Applicants can only select one focus area on the Part 1 Application.

Please select the focus area with the funding strategies that most closely align with your proposed work.

Focus Area	Basic Needs	Social and Emotional Well-Being	Behavioral Health	Economic Stability and Advancement
Desired Result	All children, youth, and their families experience equitable access to services and supports that help meet basic needs, including safety, nutrition, housing, and transportation.	All children, youth, and their families cultivate a strong sense of identity, develop supportive and nurturing relationships, and can fully engage in opportunities that build connections and community engagement.	All children, youth, and their families experience optimal behavioral health.	All children, youth, and their families experience economic stability and advancement, with the ability to access quality education and employment.
Funding Strategies	<p><i>We fund strategies that:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Prevent and minimize the impacts of violence and trauma within families, schools, and the community Increase access to affordable, culturally responsive, nutritious food for those experiencing food insecurity Support transitional housing and emergency sheltering with wraparound support for young people and families experiencing housing insecurity or homelessness Offer safe, affordable, and reliable transportation for young people and their families 	<p><i>We fund strategies that:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Create opportunities for parents/caregivers to build social support and strengthen relationships with their children Help children and youth cultivate healthy and supportive relationships with peers and trusted adults, including access to diverse mentors Help young people develop effective coping, self-management, and self-regulation habits and skills by participating in culturally responsive social and emotional learning programs Implement evidence-based restorative justice practices with youth that aim to build a sense of community, while responding to conflict and harm Encourage pride in community, culture, or identity through free or affordable extracurricular and enrichment activities Help youth develop leadership skills and engage in civic life 	<p><i>We fund strategies that:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Help young people make informed decisions and establish positive health behaviors Support children, youth, and their families experiencing behavioral health crisis Provide access to existing high-quality, affordable, and culturally responsive behavioral healthcare and/or services that address gaps in these services and remove barriers to quality care Use systems-level efforts that maintain a diverse and affordable network of behavioral health services and support 	<p><i>We fund strategies that:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Focus on career development and readiness for young people and their families Offer holistic educational support for students Improve quality and increase access to affordable childcare including home-based, center-based, preschools, and Family, Friend, and Neighbor providers

