



Funding Opportunity

**Childcare Provider Mini-Grant Program
Application Guidelines
FY 2016-2017**



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General Overview

A. Sutter County Children & Families Commission

On November 12, 1998, California voters passed Proposition 10, the “California Children and Families First Act of 1998.” The Act provided for a 50 cent per pack tax on cigarettes. The monies collected are to be used to fund anti-smoking and early childhood education programs, including parent education, health and child care programs that promote early childhood development from prenatal through age five.

Funds from Proposition 10 are distributed to local counties based on the number of babies born in that county. Sutter County Children & Families Commission is responsible for developing a strategic plan to guide local funding decisions that are consistent with the intent of the California Children and Families Act.

Sutter County Children & Families Commission was established in 1999. It is led by a Commission appointed by the County Board of Supervisors.

Note: Throughout the remainder of this document, Sutter County Children & Families Commission (SCCFC) will be referred to as the “Commission.”

B. Strategic Plan Goal Areas and Objectives

The Commission conducted a comprehensive strategic planning process to guide community investments from July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2020. Strategic planning sessions were facilitated with the Commission and community members. The information gathered from this community input process served as a guide for the strategic planning process and resulted in the adoption of the 2015-2020 Sutter County Children & Families Commission Strategic Plan.

Goals

The goals of the 2015-2020 Strategic Plan are organized into four Goal Areas: Improved Family Functioning, Improved Child Development, Healthy Children and Families, and Improved Systems of Care. These goals are consistent with the focus and intent of the Children and Families Act, builds on what has been learned and accomplished locally, and provides a framework for the Commission and the community for how Proposition 10 funds will be invested over the next three years. The Goal Areas, including corresponding objectives, are what the Commission would like to see happen for children ages 0 to 5 in Sutter County.

Purpose of the Childcare Provider Mini-Grant Program

The purpose of the Childcare Provider Mini-Grant Program is to provide funding to improve quality childcare for children ages 0-5. For fiscal year 2016-2017, the Commission has allocated \$25,000.00 for the Mini-Grant program (*this includes both Community and Childcare Provider*).

The Childcare Provider Mini-Grant application must be related to the Commission's 2015-2020 Strategic Plan and supports the goal areas of improved family functioning, improved child development, healthy children and families, and/or improved systems of care. For a copy of the 2015-2020 Strategic Plan, visit www.suttercounty.org/cfc

Eligibility Criteria

Licensed Childcare Providers (currently serving children ages 0 to 5) may submit an application for the following:

Small Licensed Childcare Provider – up to eight children – may apply for up to \$500.00
Large Licensed Childcare Provider – up to fourteen children – may apply for up to \$1,000.00
Childcare Centers may apply for up to \$1,500.00

The following are a **small sample** of *possible* mini-grant projects:

- Playground equipment that meets the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission standards. Provider is responsible for equipment and ground cover to meet Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) standards;
- Indoor or outdoor play apparatus to develop fundamental motor skills to get children under five years of age more physically active;
- Development of or enhancement to enrichment centers, such as: technology, literacy, art, music, science;
- Projects to support safe and active indoor and outdoor environments;
- Materials that support creative and innovative ways to increase fresh vegetable awareness in children and families and promote healthy eating such as Small Garden Starter Kits, Wheelbarrow Gardens, and Raised Bed Kits designed for children ages 0-5;
- Curriculum that supports quality child care.

Application Process

All applicants must attend the Application Information Workshop. The mandatory workshop will be held **Thursday, October 13, 2016 at 6:00 PM at the Sutter County Children & Families Commission office**. The Application Information Workshop will provide an opportunity to review the application process and to discuss project ideas with Commission staff. Attendance is mandatory for application to be considered for funding.

Applications must be received by **December 8, 2016 at noon**. Please note: Incomplete or late applications will be not considered.

To be considered, you must complete and submit the following by mail or hand delivered:

- Mini-Grant Application & Agreement;
- Project Narrative (*not to exceed 2 pages*);
- Budget Request Form and Budget Justification; and
- Copy of Childcare License issued by Community Care Licensing.

Please submit one (1) original and five (5) copies of the complete application by mail or hand delivered to:

Sutter County Children & Families Commission
1531-A Butte House Road
Yuba City, CA 95993
Attention: Mini-Grant Program
Michele E. Blake

Sutter County Children & Families Commission staff offers technical assistance and is available to answer questions, go over the application, and provide feedback on drafts of your application. Please call (530) 822-7505.

Funding Process

Applications will be reviewed and scored by Commission staff and an independent reviewer panel. The recommendations will be presented to the Commission for final approval. Commission staff will exercise discretion in recommending a request for funding. Not all applications will be recommended for funding. Applications may be recommended for full or partial funding or no funding. Funding decisions made by the Commission are final and cannot

be appealed. All applications and materials submitted shall become property of the Commission.

Notification letters will be mailed within 2 business days following the January 2017 scheduled Commission meeting at which mini-grant applications are considered for approval.

Important Dates to Note

Release of Mini-Grant	September 22, 2016
Mandatory Orientation	October 13, 2016
Application Submission Deadline	December 8, 2016
Notice of Intent to Award	January 20, 2017
Final Report due to Commission	May 31, 2017

Responsibilities of Grantees, if Awarded

- Comply with the terms of the agreement
- Certify that funds received from the Commission will not be used to replace or supplant funding from other sources
- Keep careful records, including receipts, to document authorized expenses
- All recipients will be required to submit a final report and a Post Evaluation Survey to describe how services outlined in the application have benefited the children/families
- Not allow the use of tobacco products at your workplace
- Agree to consult with an evaluation consultant designated by the Commission, if required
- Submit final report to Commission office no later than May 31, 2017. Any unspent funds must be returned to the Commission no later than June 30, 2017.

Mini-Grant Application & Agreement

Amount Requested from Sutter County Children & Families Commission: \$ _____

Descriptive Title of Project: _____

Summary of Proposed Project: _____

**Number of children prenatal
to age 5 you expect to serve:**

**Number of parents
you expect to serve:**

Please indicate the geographic area your project will serve: _____

Project Timeline: _____ to _____ **or** One Time Project
(Start Date) (End Date)

Childcare Provider Information

Name of Requesting Childcare Business

Primary Contact

Address

City

State

Zip Code

Telephone

Facsimile

E-mail

Website

License Number

Month/Year Program was Established

Type of Childcare Business (check one): Small Family
 Large Family
 Center

Business Tax ID # or Individual's Social Security Number: _____

AS THE AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE OR GROUP REPRESENTATIVE, I CERTIFY THAT:

- The governing board of the applying agency (if applicable) has authorized this application.
- I or the organization represented in this application is physically located within Sutter County.
- The term of this mini-grant funding is FY16-17 and my project must be complete by May 31, 2017.
- I acknowledge that upon approval of funding, my organization/group will receive 75% of the Commission approved mini-grant award. The balance of 25% (Final payment will be based on actual expenditures. Final payment amount will not exceed the 25% balance or the amount actually expended for the project.) will be paid to the organization/group upon Commission office receipt, review and approval of final report and expenditure backup documentation. Mini-grant expenditures must be in accordance with the approved

mini-grant budget. Any mini-grant funds not expended must be returned to the Commission by June 30, 2017.

- I agree to use the mini-grant funding solely for the project/program described in my application narrative and budget submitted in my application and approved by the Commission.
- I agree to participate fully in Commission evaluation efforts and site visits applicable to this mini-grant.
- Any materials written, publicized, produced, or distributed by the approved project must contain the statement, "SUPPORTED BY FUNDS RECEIVED FROM SUTTER COUNTY CHILDREN & FAMILIES COMMISSION" and include the Commission logo.
- I agree this is a public process and all documents submitted are subject to public review.
- I will not hold Sutter County Children & Families Commission or the County of Sutter liable for any loss, accident or legal dispute arising from the grant processor actions implementing a grant reward.
- I will be solely responsible for my actions, and not hold Sutter County Children & Families Commission or the County of Sutter responsible for the actions of others, for legal matters ensuing from all aspects of the grant process.
- Sutter County Children & Families Commission or the County of Sutter is not responsible or liable for equipment purchased, its use or any accidents that may occur during its use.
- To the best of my knowledge data provided in this application is true and accurate. I agree that if I misrepresent the items contained in this application or do not use the materials identified and purchased for children ages 0-5 in Sutter County, I will reimburse the Commission any funds expended on my behalf through this mini-grant.
- I acknowledge the Commission is the final authority regarding the approval or disapproval of mini-grant funding. The Commission will not hear appeals.
- I understand that if the application I submit is not complete or submitted to the Commission office after the deadline of Thursday, December 8, 2016 Noon it will not be scored or considered for funding.

Name: _____

Signature: _____
(Person authorized to bind this agreement)

Title: _____

Date: _____

Project Narrative

1. Please refer to the Sutter County Children & Families Commission Strategic Plan (available from our office or online at our website, www.suttercounty.org/cfc) indicate which **one** of the following Goal Areas is addressed by this project:

- Improved Family Functioning
- Improved Child Development
- Healthy Children and Families
- Improved Systems of Care

Please provide responses to the following questions. Use no more than **two (2) pages, single spaced** for your proposal narrative, with the sections sequentially numbered and titled as indicated below.

2. Please explain the major goal or goals of this project and what you hope to achieve with the Commission funds.
3. Thoroughly describe your project. State WHAT you intend to do. Be sure to state 1) WHO will do the work, 2) WHERE it will take place, 3) HOW will it be accomplished, and 4) WHEN it will be done.
4. Please tell us about you or your agency. What capabilities, skills, qualifications, experience, and/or credentials do you have to carry out this project?

Budget Request Form

Please use this form to fully itemize your project's budget. Use a separate sheet of paper if necessary (using the same format). Use only the budget categories needed for your project. Include actual tax and shipping charges. Attach detailed information for each item you are asking for in the mini-grant. For example, provide a page copied from a catalog or website that describes the item and lists its price. Do not include indirect costs.

CATEGORY	UNIT COST	TOTAL AMOUNT
Project Supplies and Material* Please attach bids, descriptions, and photos from catalog or website to clearly identify the items you are requesting.		
Other – please specify		
TOTAL		

Applicant Name: _____ Signature: _____

*if your project involves labor or installation (for example, assembling and installing new playground equipment), please describe who will do the work and whether it is paid or volunteer labor:

Budget Justification

Please provide response to the following question. Use no more than **one (1) page, single spaced** for your budget narrative.

1. Please clearly state exactly what Sutter County Children & Families Commission funding would be paying for.

Example: I would like to purchase a tricycle to increase the physical activity opportunity for my preschool-aged enrolled children.

Example: My center requests the purchase of a cozy corner for our infant program to increase fine or gross motor play.

