Developing Goals and Strategies to Improve the Care of Children with Chronic and Complex Health Conditions

Pre-Application Webinar: Review of RFP on Complex Care

Tuesday, July 12, 2016
11:00-12:00 PT, 2:00-3:00 ET
• All attendees will be muted for the duration of the webinar.

• Questions may be submitted at any time during the webinar. Please enter your questions into the GoToWebinar chat box.

• Webinar slides and recording will be posted on the Foundation website and shared with all registrants.
The Lucile Packard Foundation for Children's Health is a public charity, founded in 1997. Its mission is to elevate the priority of children's health, and to increase the quality and accessibility of children's health care through leadership and direct investment.
Improvement in the system(s) of care upon which children with chronic health conditions depend.

Through its Program for Children with Special Health Care Needs, the foundation supports development of a high-quality health care system that results in better health outcomes for children and enhanced quality of life for families.

Photo: Mother and daughter with daughter’s “care map”

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- Proceedings
- Webcast and presentation slides

At the conclusion of the Symposium, participants identified many of the challenges related to each issue, but time did not allow for actual action plans to develop.
The Request for Proposals on which today’s webinar focuses, is intended to help the field of pediatric chronic care move beyond identification of issues to the formulation of feasible action plans for systemic improvement.
✓ Research
✓ Education
✓ Advocacy
✓ Communication
Richmond JB & Kotelchuck M, 1983
We have identified six topics of special relevance to children and youth with chronic or complex health conditions and their families, from which each applicant may select one.
The six topics for action plans:

1. Tiering
2. Family Engagement
3. Life Course Health
4. Quality Improvement
5. Care Coordination
6. Long-term Care
Action plans must:

- Take the form of brief reports
- Length of 3000-4500 words plus tables, figures and citations
- Provide expert guidance in the form of specific, feasible, and scalable recommendations for the actions needed to improve the system of care for children with chronic and complex health care needs
• Justification for the recommendations that are made

• Identification of who ought to lead and participate in the recommended activities

• A sequential timeline for implementation of the recommendations including intermediate outcomes where appropriate

• The tools, strategies, and approaches that will be used in implementing recommendations

• Suggestions on how to sustain and spread changes that are achieved
We will award up to four grants

Each grant may be up to $50,000 including indirect costs

Each project is expected to last from 6-9 months

Each project will produce a brief report the core of which is an action plan and associated recommendations on one of the topics selected by the Foundation
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See all blog posts about our grants ➔

Application Process

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Application Process

Request for Proposals
Developing Goals and Strategies to Improve the Care of Children with Chronic and Complex Health Conditions
Applications due Thursday, September 26, 2016

How to Apply
Submit a Letter of Inquiry

If you believe that your proposed content may be a good fit for this funding criteria below, please submit a Letter of Inquiry. The Letter of Intent will be accepted on a rolling basis, and will be reviewed by a steering committee.

Duration and funding levels will be determined on a project basis.

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We fund programs and projects that will contribute to improving systems of care for children with special health care needs and their families in California and the nation. Through convenings and surveys of consumers, advocates, and other thought leaders and reviewers of published research, programs and policies, the Foundation has developed a model of an enhanced system that is designed to address current system deficiencies while maintaining and improving upon the positive components.

The model envisions a health care system that provides high-quality, family-centered, culturally competent and coordinated care within a medical home, funded by a unified, efficient and comprehensive payment system. The model also calls for an adequate number of highly trained pediatric specialty care providers; focused training for general pediatricians in the management of children with special health care needs; and widely accepted and uniformly utilized quality measures.

Areas of Focus
The Foundation will consider letters of inquiry that address improving care for children with special needs in the following areas:

- Care coordination and integrated systems of care
- Support for families in self-management and advocacy
- Quality standards and measures focused on children with special health care needs
- Other projects that inform or have a high likelihood of improving the performance of the care systems serving children with chronic or complex health care needs

Program Criteria
The proposed program or project should:

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Request for Proposals - May 2016

Initiative Overview

The Lucile Packard Foundation for Children’s Health seeks applications for grants to develop single-topic issue briefs that describe goals and processes to improve aspects of the systems of care for children with chronic and complex health conditions in the U.S. Developed by multi-disciplinary work groups, the briefs will provide specific, scalable recommendations for action related to practice, research, programs and policy. Letters of Intent are due August 12, 2016. Proposals are due September 15, 2016, and selected projects will begin December 1, 2016.

Background

Children with special health care needs (CSHCN), especially children with medical complexity (CMC), are served by an array of providers and programs that tend to work independently, with little communication or coordination among them. This fragmentation heightens the risk of adverse short- and long-term outcomes, increases health care costs, and creates financial and emotional burdens for families. Shortcomings in the care provided by the systems upon which these children and families depend have been documented but generally remain unaddressed. In addition to the fragmentation of services, a chief barrier to improving care systematically for these children is the combination of an overall low prevalence of lifelong chronic conditions and their diversity of diagnoses. The low prevalence fails to gain attention from policymakers and payers, and the diversity of diagnoses hampers comprehensive care and health care system planning.

A national symposium held on December 7-8th, 2015, sponsored by the Lucile Packard Foundation for Children’s Health, invited national experts to identify and discuss cross-cutting issues that affect the care of children with more complex health conditions. Discussion of those topics, including a webinar, is available on the symposium page. However, specific recommendations on how to remedy the identified systemic issues through changes in practice, programs, payment and policy remain to be identified, tested and implemented.

The Project

The Foundation seeks proposals to prepare targeted issue briefs, each addressing a single topic from the list below, that provide feasible, specific and scalable recommendations for action to improve the system of care for children with chronic and complex health care needs. Recommendations will describe pathways to make changes in existing systems by identifying key participants, sequential activities, venues and necessary policy changes. Each applicant will
Letters of Intent should be submitted by **August 12, 2016**. You will not receive a response except that it was received.

- Project description, including issue to be addressed, project design and preliminary timeline
- Proposed key staff and participants
- Expected long-term outcomes, and preliminary goals and objectives.
- Plans for disseminating products or lessons learned
- Possible barriers and limitations
Full proposals are due **September 15, 2016**

- General proposal preparation guidance and forms are on our Foundation website: [www.lpfch.org/cshcn/grants/application-process](http://www.lpfch.org/cshcn/grants/application-process)
- Guidance specific to this RFP can be found beginning on page 3 of the RFP.

* We assume that all of the topics are sufficiently applicable to all children with chronic or complex conditions that they will automatically apply to children in California, and no specific benefit to that state needs to be identified.
• Executive summary with actionable recommendations
• Opportunities for change in the care system
• Rationale for topic selection
• Capacity and expertise to do proposed project
• Work plan, timeline and interim products
• Budget justification
• Letters of intent to participate workgroup (appendix).
• Project budget and Application Forms (appendix).
Proposals will be evaluated on:

• How well the key content areas are addressed

• Their potential to yield feasible, evidence-based guidance toward changes that will improve the system of care serving children with chronic and complex health conditions and their families, and that will achieve the aims of better health, better care, and better value
• Read the RFP carefully
• Brief Letters of Intent should be submitted by 1 month from today, on **August 12, 2016**
• If you are interested in collaborating with other applicants, you may indicate that on the Letter of Intent form
• Full proposals are due **September 15, 2016**
• Those selected to receive grants will be notified during the first week in November. The Foundation will facilitate communication among the selected grantees
www.lpfch.org/symposiumRFP
- Full RFP
- Link to Letter of Intent form
- Link to Proposal forms
- Application instructions
- List of key dates

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- Link to 2015 Symposium Proceedings
- Link to webcast and presentation slides from 2015 Symposium

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