Application Deadline: August 19, 2019

Purpose
The purpose of the “Mini-grant” program of the National Children’s Center for Rural and Agricultural Health and Safety (NCCRAHS) is to support small-scale projects and pilot studies that address prevention of childhood* agricultural disease and injury. Funds are allocated to support projects that: a) test innovative strategies; b) develop new partnerships beyond safety professionals (e.g., insurers, bankers, equipment dealers, media); c) address persistent patterns of childhood injury in agriculture (e.g. extra riders on tractors, children and skid steers); and d) translate research findings into practical applications.

Eligibility
Individuals affiliated with community-based organizations, public or private institutions, units of local or state government, or tribal government throughout the United States are eligible to apply for funds. Applicants are encouraged to collaborate with NIOSH Agricultural Research Centers or Universities on project design and evaluation. Priority will be given to organizations and junior faculty who are building their capacity in childhood agricultural health and safety, and those that generate new partnerships.

Priority Topics
Highest funding priority will be given to projects that address health and safety needs of children
   a) In special populations
   b) Using the AgInjuryNews.org website (www.aginjurynews.org)
   c) Using the Agricultural Youth Work Guidelines https://marshfieldresearch.org/nccrahs/agricultural-youth-work-guidelines

Restrictions
   a) Projects that are not specific to children and agriculture will not be funded (e.g. car seat programs, bicycle safety, recreational ATV).
   b) Senior/tenured researchers are not eligible to submit an application as Principal Investigators.
   c) Projects limited to education programs for children will not be funded.

A list of previously funded projects is available for review on the NCCRAHS website. Priority topics have changed over time, so this list is not absolute as to what will or will not be funded; it is intended to act as a guide to the range of topics and scope of work.

*Note: the terms “Child”, “Children”, and “Childhood” refers to persons <18 years.

1 http://www.cdc.gov/niosh/agctrhom.html
2 http://www.marshfieldclinic.org/nccrahs/
Application Process

Proposals must include all sections noted in table below. Appendices may be included only if highly relevant to the proposal. Applications exceeding page limits will not be accepted for review.

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Evaluation

Applicants should describe their expectations for success. That is, how will the grant recipient and NCCRAHS know if the desired objectives for the grant were achieved? Describe measurable outcomes such as number of parents interviewed or self-reported changes in behavior.

Budget

A maximum of $20,000 may be requested. The budget must indicate the requested amount and justification for each category (i.e. personnel, travel, supplies, and consultants). Institutional indirect costs may be included as part of the total budget as a separate line item, and can comprise no more than 20% of total budget. It is the responsibility of the applicant to determine indirect cost rate with his/her institution. Your institution’s indirect cost agreement must be included with your application if the budget includes this line item.
Completed Proposals
Send your completed proposal via email to: nccrahs@marshfieldresearch.org

Review Criteria
Proposals will be peer-reviewed using the following criteria: a) alignment with the purpose of pilot study program, b) eligibility requirements, c) priority topics outlined in the call for proposals, d) adequacy of project design and methods, e) strength of evaluation, and f) likelihood of expanding the knowledge base of childhood agricultural injury prevention.

Funding
Only one applicant per organization will be awarded. Applicants will be notified of award decision by September 21, 2019. All funds must be expended by September 29, 2020. Final reports for all projects are due by November 15, 2020.

Questions
For questions, please see the Mini-grant Program Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ).

If you have questions not answered by the FAQ page, please contact Marsha Salzwedel, M.S.
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