



Office of Research Evaluation and Strategic Policy Development

Medical & MH Pilots for CSA Victims

Please Note: Applications are *only* accepted through PCCD's Egrants system. Applicants must register in Egrants prior to submitting an application. Applicants are strongly encouraged to familiarize themselves with the Egrants system and allow adequate time to prepare and submit an application.

Prior to starting an application in Egrants, your agency must be registered in Egrants, and at least two individuals from your agency must register as Egrants users and have Egrants user roles for your agency.

Every agency must also have at least one person with the e-signature role in Egrants.

Please refer to the [Getting Started in Egrants](#) page on our website for Egrants registration information and guides.

Egrants Application Deadline:

March 27, 2025

This funding guideline contains information not appearing in the Egrants application. Applicants are advised to review this document and refer to it while completing your Egrants application.

PCCD staff may only respond to questions to clarify the funding announcement. Questions must be sent via email to: ra-pccd-cacac@pa.gov with **Medical & MH Pilots for CSA Victims** in the subject line. All questions regarding this funding announcement must be received by close of business on **March 25, 2025**. PCCD staff will post responses to questions, as they are received, on [PCCD's website](#). Select the appropriate funding announcement to view questions and answers.

For any technical or system questions, contact and ask for the Egrants Help Desk at (717) 787-5887 or (800) 692-7292, or by emailing RA-eGrantsSupport@pa.gov.

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Funding Stream: Endowment Act – Programs Assisting Victims (EA-PAV)

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Submission Requirements for Applications:

- **Scoring** – All applications received will be [competitively reviewed and scored](#) based on the applicant’s adherence to the funding announcement guidelines and timely submission in the PCCD Egrants system.
- **Due Date** – Applications must be submitted electronically through PCCD’s Egrants system no later than 11:59 PM on Thursday, March 27, 2025.
- **Technical Assistance** – Grant application and administrative guides can be accessed on [PCCD’s website](#). Applicants are strongly encouraged to review the application and administrative guides before calling the Egrants Help Desk for assistance. The Egrants Help Desk is available to assist with technical or system questions Monday through Friday, 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM, and may be reached by calling (717) 787-5887 or (800) 692-7292, or by emailing RA-eGrantsSupport@pa.gov.
- **Egrants Submission** – An application submitted in Egrants by the deadline is not considered complete until the application has been electronically signed in Egrants, and PCCD has received any required documents. Successful applications will be presented for consideration at the June 11, 2025 Commission meeting.

Please note: You are not required to have your application electronically signed prior to submitting your Egrants application. The system will allow you to continue that process post-submission.

- **Administrative Rejection** – An application that does not meet all the listed requirements in this funding announcement may be administratively rejected.
- **Corrections** – If PCCD returns an application for corrections, the final application (including all corrections and required documents) must be returned to and approved by PCCD for the requested funding to be awarded.
- **Non-supplantation** – Funding must not be used to supplant/replace state, federal, or local funds that would otherwise be available to provide for program-related services. PCCD funding is to be used in addition to other funds that are made available for services.
- **Keywords** – Applicants are required to select “Keywords” from the dropdown menu located on the Main Summary screen in Egrants. The required keywords are below. Applicants may also select other keywords that apply specifically to their application.

Keywords: Endowment Act (selected for you)

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1. Overview:

The Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency (PCCD) is now accepting applications for funding under [Act 1 of 2013](#), better known as the "Endowment Act". The primary purpose of the Endowment Act is to distribute \$48 million in National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) monetary penalties levied on the Pennsylvania State University (PSU) to the victims of child sexual abuse in the Commonwealth.

Act 1 states: "Unless otherwise expressly stated in the agreement, the funds may only be used within the Commonwealth for the benefit of the residents of this Commonwealth and on any of the following:

- (i) Programs or projects preventing child sexual abuse and/or assisting the victims of child sexual abuse.
- (ii) Multidisciplinary Investigative Teams (MDITs) established under 23 Pa.C.S. (relating to domestic relations).
- (iii) Child Advocacy Centers.
- (iv) Victim service organizations that provide services to children subjected to sexual abuse.
- (v) Training of persons who are mandated by law to report child sexual abuse or to treat victims of child sexual abuse."

This funding announcement is specifically for Category 1, or Programs Assisting Victims. The goal of this specific solicitation is to support the development and implementation of innovative pilot projects that enhance or expand medical and mental health services for child sexual abuse victims. Funding under this solicitation is limited to supporting:

- The development of an innovative pilot project that increases access to critical, evidence-based, mental health and/or medical services for children who have experienced sexual abuse, especially those in rural or underserved areas.
- Medical and/or mental health services, implemented through a multi-county pilot project that meets National Children's Alliance (NCA) Standards.
- An evaluation of the medical and/or mental health pilot project that shows feasibility and effectiveness.

Anticipated impacts include:

- Expanded access to evidence-based medical and mental health services for child sexual abuse victims across multiple counties.
- Development of a robust research component to assess the feasibility and effectiveness of the interventions.
- Creation of a replicable implementation model that can be adopted by other organizations.
- Successful development of a proven pilot project, accompanied by comprehensive implementation information, enabling other sites to replicate and benefit from the initiative's success.

Priority consideration under this announcement will be given to entities that will address underserved populations, including children in rural counties.

For the purposes of this funding announcement, the term "child" refers to an individual less than 18 years of age, and "sexual abuse" shall refer to the definition of "sexual abuse or exploitation" in [23 Pa.C.S. §6303](#) (relating to definitions). The term "evidence-based" is reserved for programs that have been tested in more than one scientifically rigorous study

(such as a randomized control trials) and have consistently been shown to work better than a placebo or no treatment/intervention (see Appendix A). Examples of programs that are “well supported by evidence” can also be found at <http://www.cebc4cw.org/home/>.

2. Funding Availability:

A total of \$1.5 million in state Endowment Act – Programs Assisting Victims (EA-PAV) funds are being announced to support this initiative. PCCD expects to fund 3-4 grants with budgets not to exceed \$500,000 over the 30-month project period.

PCCD is not liable for costs incurred prior to the official start date of the award.

3. Project Dates:

Applications considered at the June 11, 2025 Commission meeting will be 30-month projects and have a start date of July 1, 2025 and an end date of December 31, 2027.

4. Eligible Applicants:

Eligibility for these funds is open to any for-profit entity, non-profit entity, an entity affiliated with a CAC or MDIT (e.g., public agency or hospital), or unit of local government. Schools (including colleges and universities) are considered governmental units and are eligible to apply.

Eligibility for these funds is limited to supporting organizations that intend to serve multiple counties with this project. Organizations will also be required to collaborate and connect with the CAC housed in the counties they serve.

Applicants must be in good standing with PCCD to be eligible for these funds.¹ The applicant and recipient agencies’ historical success in implementing PCCD-funded programs/initiatives that met their intended goals will be considered in the review process. Applicants are not required to have a prior funding history with PCCD to be eligible.

5. Eligible Program Activities and Expenses:

Funds for the proposed program may be used to support any, all, or one of the following:

- Expenses related to the compensation of medical and/or mental health personnel providing services to children who have been sexually abused.
- Evidence-based mental health and/or medical training for providers who will be working with child sexual abuse victims.
- Expenses related to developing the infrastructure to provide medical and/or mental health services (e.g., telehealth, medical or MH preceptorship program, etc.).
- Expenses related to the evaluation of the proposed pilot project.

All medical and mental health services must meet National Children’s Alliance Standards.

All expenses must be described in the Justification box located in the Egrants Budget Detail section. PCCD has approval of all final budgets and may require budget adjustments.

¹ This may include, but is not limited to, compliance with PCCD program and fiscal reporting requirements, State and Federal funding guidelines, and acceptable risk rating as determined by PCCD.

6. Ineligible Program Activities and Expenses:

The following are not eligible for funding and may be administratively rejected:

- a. Luxury items.
- b. Conference costs.
- c. Proposed projects not related to providing medical and/or mental health services to child sexual abuse victims across multiple counties.
- d. International trainings.

7. Required Egrants Sections/Documents:

- a. Required Egrants Sections – All sections identified in Egrants are required. Applicants will not be able to submit their grant application in Egrants until all sections are marked as complete.
- b. Required Signed Documents – A successful application must be accompanied by the following:
 - All documents as required under section 8(e).

8. Scoring:

The following application sections in Egrants have a point value associated with them and will be scored as described below:

a. Executive Summary – Maximum of 5 points

All applicants must fill out the following script and paste into the executive summary section:

The *name of applicant* is requesting \$_____ to [*provide a single sentence or two of what you are seeking to implement with your grant funding*].

These funds will be used for the following: [*provide bullet points of what the funds will be used for*].

b. Budget Detail – Maximum of 25 points

- The budget detail section must:
 - Provide specific budget expenses for up to a 30-month project.
 - Provide a clear description of all costs, including training fees and travel costs, for which grant funds will be utilized. Each cost related to the training must be listed as a separate line item.
 - Provide an explanation of each budget item by category in the Justification box provided. If personnel are funded, discuss their specific activities related to the project.

c. Statement of Purpose – Maximum of 30 points

- Briefly state the project goals, major deliverables, and the anticipated impact/outcome (please limit this particular response to 4-5 sentences).
- Discuss the organization's history of providing medical and/or mental health services to child sexual abuse victims/survivors.
- Discuss the need for the proposed pilot and why other funding sources are not available. Include data to support the need identified.
- Describe how services for victims/survivors of child sexual abuse are coordinated within the counties who will be served and how this project supports the identified need within the county.

d. **Project Description** – Maximum of 40 points

- Describe the proposed project. This description should include, but is not limited to, the following:
 - A brief overview of the project itself.
 - The counties that will be served, including the number of reported child sexual abuse cases from 2023 for each county.
 - How the program will be implemented within your agency and within the collaborative counties, including a discussion of how children will receive follow-up services, if needed.
 - A discussion of the partners who will be involved with the project and their role.
 - A description of the grant supported personnel, specific trainings that may occur, and expenses that will be supported.
 - Information regarding the evidence-base of the program components being used (e.g., the specific therapeutic modality that will be implemented). For purposes of this funding announcement, the term “evidence-based” is reserved for programs that have been tested in more than one scientifically rigorous study and shown to be better than a placebo or no treatment/intervention.
- Discuss the target population to be served. Include the location where services will be provided and the estimated number of child sexual abuse survivors who will be served by the project. Include information related to the referral process.
- Provide an overview of how the project will be evaluated and what outcomes you expect to achieve.
- Explain how fidelity to the program model will be monitored and evaluated.

e. **Required Attachments**

- The following documents must be attached in the Required Attachment section in Egrants:
 - **Letters of Support:** Applicants must provide letters of support with partnering agencies in addition to any CACs within the counties that they are serving.

9. Performance Measures:

Under this funding announcement, successful applicants are required to comply with all reporting, data collection and evaluation requirements, as prescribed by PCCD and federal or state guidelines.

10. Competitive Bidding/Sole Source Procurement:

All procurement transactions shall be conducted in a manner that provides open and free competition. Grant recipients must follow the Procurement Standards section in PCCD’s [Applicant’s Manual](#).

Procurements by noncompetitive proposal are strongly discouraged and must demonstrate an economic benefit or lack of alternate resources to be justified. If a request is made, the prospective applicant must identify the request as a procurement by noncompetitive proposal and provide a substantial justification for the request within their funding request (See PCCD’s [Applicant’s Manual](#) for Procurement by Noncompetitive Proposal Approval Procedure).

11. Administrative Requirements:

- a. Egrants Agency and User Registration:
Prior to submitting a grant application, both the applicant agency and at least two users from the applicant agency must be registered in Egrants. Applicants are strongly advised to allow adequate time to work on application documents in Egrants prior to the submission deadline. Please go to the [Getting Started in Egrants](#) page on PCCD's website for further information.
- b. Fiscal Accountability:
See the [Fiscal Accountability](#) page on PCCD's website for further information.
- c. Time and Effort Reporting:
See the [Time and Effort Reports](#) page on PCCD's website for further information.
- d. Grant Payments:
 - Payments will not be released until all applicable special conditions on the grant award have been satisfied.
 - All grantees are required, at a minimum, to submit quarterly fiscal reports. PCCD will only make payments to reimburse actual expenditures reported on the fiscal reports. An agency experiencing cash flow problems may submit fiscal reports monthly and PCCD will reimburse reported expenditures. Non-submission or late submission of the required reports will result in payment delays.
 - ACH Payments:
 - All payments to grant recipients will be made through ACH.
 - Either before or at the time an application is submitted to PCCD, the applicant agency must [register as a Non-Procurement Vendor](#) with the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.
- e. Federal Transparency Act Certification:
This section is required for both state and federal funding streams. See the [Federal Applicants](#) page on PCCD's website for further information.
- f. Reporting Requirements:
 - Programmatic reports are due quarterly.
 - Fiscal reports are due quarterly.
 - Late submission of programmatic and fiscal reports may delay payments.
 - All reports must be submitted through the Egrants system.

12. PCCD Contact Information and Resources:

- a. Staff Contacts:
PCCD staff may only respond to questions to clarify the funding announcement. Questions must be sent via email to: ra-pccd-cacac@pa.gov with **Medical & MH Pilots for CSA Victims** in the subject line. All questions regarding this funding announcement must be received by close of business on **March 25, 2025**.

All questions and answers will be posted under this funding announcement title on the [Funding Announcement Q&A](#) page of the PCCD website.

- b. Egrants Funding Announcement:
Log into the Egrants system and search under the "Funding Announcement" tab for **Medical & MH Pilots for CSA Victims**.

- c. PCCD Guidelines and Documents:
Applicants should be familiar with the [Applicant's Manual](#), grant application and administrative guides, and other documents common to PCCD's grant application process, all of which are available on the [Funding and Grants Process](#) page of the PCCD website.
- d. Egrants Technical Questions:
For any technical or system questions, contact and ask for the Egrants Help Desk at (717) 787-5887 or (800) 692-7292, or by emailing RA-eGrantsSupport@pa.gov.
- e. PCCD Webmaster:
Please address any technical problems you may have with the website or online forms to the [PCCD Web Master](#).
- f. Reporting Potential Fraud, Waste and Abuse:
Information about waste, fraud, abuse, conflict of interest, bribery, gratuity, or other similar misconduct, or whistleblower reprisal relating to a PCCD employee, program, contract or grant, may be reported to the PCCD Fraud Hotline at (717) 525-5031. For more information, visit the [Reporting Fraud, Waste and Abuse](#) page on PCCD's website.

13. Submission Information:

The application must be entered into Egrants **no later than Thursday, March 27, 2025 by 11:59 PM.**

The grant application must be electronically signed within Egrants. To electronically sign the application, at least one person from your organization must have the E-signature role in Egrants. Please use the link below to access instructions which explain how to request the E-signature role.

[E-signature Access Request Instructions](#)

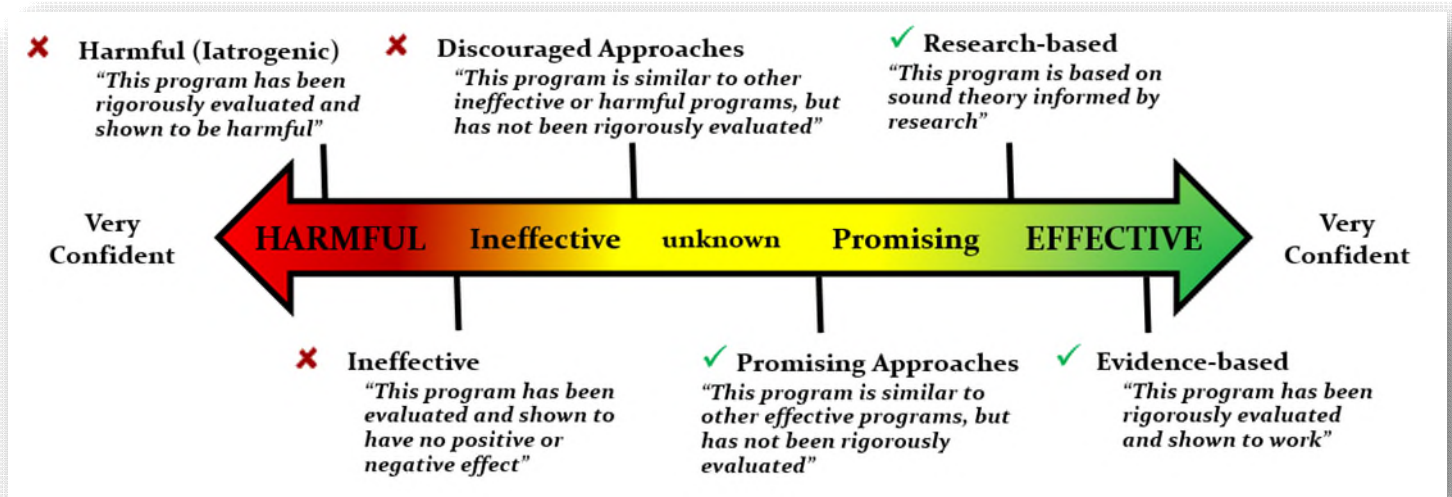
[E-signature Access Request Form](#) (This must be attached to your access request in Egrants)

Please note that you cannot request the e-signature role on behalf of someone else. The person requesting the e-signature role must submit their request through their own Egrants user account.

Appendix A

What Do We Mean When We Say a Program is "Evidence-based"?

Prevention scientists rate programs along a continuum of confidence:



Researchers examine research studies to determine whether a program:

- ✓ Demonstrated effectiveness in rigorous scientific evaluations including randomized control trials.
- ✓ Was assessed in large studies with diverse populations or through multiple replications by independent researchers (not the developer of the model).
- ✓ Resulted in significant and sustained effects for a minimum of 6 months, post program.

Programs that meet all three of these criteria tend to fall in the green, evidence-based end of the continuum.

How to Identify Highly Rated Evidence-based Programs

Several websites have already done the work of reviewing research studies and rating programs' effectiveness. Consult these resources to ensure that the programs you want to implement will be effective.

Rating Source	Area of Focus	Website
Blueprints for Healthy Youth Development	Child welfare, juvenile justice	http://www.blueprintsprograms.com
California Evidence-Based Clearinghouse for Child Welfare	Child welfare	http://www.cebc4cw.org/
CrimeSolutions.gov	Criminal justice	https://crimesolutions.ojp.gov/
What Works Clearinghouse	Education	http://www.ies.ed.gov/ncee/wwc/
What Works in Reentry Clearinghouse	Criminal justice	https://whatworks.csgjusticecenter.org/

One particularly useful clearinghouse is the **PEW Charitable Trusts Results First Clearinghouse Database**. This is a one stop shop for accessing the many lists of evidence-based programs.

1. Go To: <https://evidence2impact.psu.edu/results-first-resources/clearing-house-database/> Type in the key words for the program or type of program you are looking for.
2. Compare ratings across various clearinghouses to determine which programs are rated most highly, most frequently.
3. Dig deeper for more information by hovering over the colored rating dots and clicking on learn more!

Please contact the EPISCenter for additional technical assistance:
EPISCenter@psu.edu (814) 863-2568