

**Grant Application**  
**Lake County Exchange Clubs**  
**Prevention of Child Abuse Foundation**

The Lake County Exchange Club Foundation consists of men and women from local Exchange Clubs. Exchange is a national service club, which through their local clubs, supports the prevention of child abuse as their community service project. Working together for this cause, the Foundation was established in the fall of 1996.

The Foundation exists to educate and inform the community on the problems of child abuse. The Foundation's principal function is to distribute grants for specific child abuse programs that fulfill the purposes and objectives of the Foundation.

**GRANT PRIORITIES**

The grant seeks to encourage partners in the community to develop and expand programs that directly prevent the occurrence of child abuse and neglect. The Foundation believes that encouraging healthy relationships between parents and children, reaching out to isolated parents who might lack support and providing information that is easily accessible is essential to this goal.

The Foundation seeks to support programs that fulfill the following criteria:

- The **primary prevention** of child neglect and abuse (physical, psychological, emotional and sexual)
- Serves **primarily** Lake County residents

The Foundation will make grants to groups that seek to develop or expand programs in the following areas:

- **Parent Training:** to directly provide parents with the knowledge and hands on experience to manage the developmental, behavioral and emotional needs of children in a manner that is nurturing and supportive.
- **Public Education:** to provide the community information that helps prevent abuse and neglect and is easily accessible for parents and caregivers through the use of large scale campaigns or targeted information (such as brochures and videos). Such educational topics may include information about the developmental needs of children, positive parenting approaches, impact of abuse/neglect, abuse reporting, information that encourages a stronger parent-child bond or any information that is likely to reduce the occurrence of abuse/neglect.

Special consideration and priority will go to programs that meet all or some of the following criteria:

- Parent Training programs that:
  - a) reach out parents who may be isolated or at high risk (e.g., new parents)
  - b) are directed towards parents of infants and young children
  - c) provide childcare during the time of the services
  - d) utilize research-based programs/materials
  - e) provide mentoring/in-home services to teach parenting skills
  - f) are easily accessible or provide transportation
- Public Education programs/campaigns that:
  - a) focus on messages that include information about parenting skills/behavior and/or childhood developmental information
  - b) have a positive message (as opposed to "scare tactics")
  - c) provide specific information that may prevent or interrupt the occurrence of abuse

**THE FOUNDATION DOES NOT FUND**

- Programs outside of Lake County, Illinois
- General agency operating budget
- Special event sponsorship
- More than one proposal from any one organization per year

## **ELIGIBILITY**

The following types of organizations may be eligible for funding:

- 501(c) (3) organizations
- Community-based, start-up groups (such as student groups)
- Faith-based institutions
- Government agencies, schools, park districts

## **NUMBER AND DURATION OF GRANTS**

Grants will range from \$1000 to \$5000, though grants generally will not exceed \$3,500. Funds available for distribution will depend on the yearly fundraising success of the Foundation. Organizations will be considered for funding on a year-to-year basis. An application must be made for each grant request. Previous funding does not guarantee future funding.

## **APPLICATION PROCESS**

All applications must be postmarked by 5/30/10 in order to be considered for funding. **Applications that are postmarked after this date and/or incomplete applications will not be considered.** Funding decisions will be made no later than 6/30/10. The Foundation may request a personal interview or site visit.

## **THE PROPOSAL**

Four (4) copies of the following materials must be submitted (only one audit is needed):

### **Narrative** (limit 2 pages)

- The organization's mission and history
- Describe how the program will prevent child abuse/neglect
- Three measurable objectives and outcome measurements for the program
- For parenting education groups that are not using a research-based program, please identify any empirical evidence to the methodology
- List additional sources of funding or donations that ensure sustainability of the program.

### **Required Documents**

- Programs having received past Foundation funding must also submit a report on the use of previous grant funds. Provide a brief summary of outcomes (1/2 page or less).
- A proposed operating budget for the program, including expenditures and income
- Most recent audited financial statement. If no audit, please explain.
- A copy of your IRS 501(c)(3) letter (*not required of student or start-up programs.*)
- Agencies that are not 501(c)(3) must have an identified fiscal agent.
- An agency annual report (*not required of student or start-up programs.*)
- Most recent fiscal or calendar year client demographics for the program for which you are applying for funding (*not required of student or start-up programs.*)
- A list of business/foundation donors and how much they gave to the program(s) for which you are requesting funds.

- **Incomplete Applications will not be considered.**

## **GRANT RECIPIENT OBLIGATIONS**

The following are obligations of the grant recipients and failure to comply may halt funding opportunities:

- Provide the Foundation copies of any published flyers, articles or other materials concerning the funded program during the year.
- Flyers and literature for the grant funded program should identify that it receives support from **The Exchange Club Foundation for the Prevention of Child Abuse of Lake County.**

**Please mail applications to:**

**The Exchange Club Foundation for the Prevention of Child Abuse of Lake County Grant  
Post Office Box #54, Gurnee, IL 60031**

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