

CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF CHILD SUPPORT SERVICES

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February 28, 2008

CSS LETTER: 08-03

ALL IV-D DIRECTORS
 ALL COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICERS
 ALL BOARDS OF SUPERVISORS

SUBJECT: FEDERAL GRANT OPPORTUNITY AND GRANT APPROVAL PROCESS

This letter is to notify local child support agencies (LCSAs) of a grant opportunity and to detail the application process. Grants provide an excellent opportunity to test innovative approaches to improve services and better serve families. The Department of Child Support Services (DCSS) strongly encourages LCSAs to pursue grant opportunities to fund innovative projects. In order to maximize resources and to further the goals and objectives of the California Child Support Program, it is important that DCSS and the LCSAs work together.

New Grant Opportunity

The federal Administration for Children and Families Office of Child Support Enforcement (OCSE) has announced an opportunity to apply for Section 1115 Grants to fund demonstration projects that further the national child support mission, vision, and goals.

Each year, OCSE determines one or more priority areas for grant proposals. The four priority areas for the Section 1115 Grants are:

Priority Area 1: Projects in Support of OCSE Project to Avoid Increasing Delinquencies (PAID) Initiative.

Priority Area 2: Using Business Intelligence/Data Analysis to Improve Performance.

Priority Area 3: Improved Child Support Results through Intensified Collaboration with Temporary Assistance for Needy Families.

Priority Area 4: Child Support Outreach to Faith-Based and Community Organizations.

Reason for this Transmittal

- State Law or Regulation Change
- Federal Law or Regulation Change
- Court Order or Settlement Change
- Clarification requested by One or More Counties
- Initiated by DCSS

Additional 1115 Grant Information

The purpose of the 1115 grant program is to provide funding for projects that further the national child support mission, vision and goals and to help improve program performance. Legislative authority for the 1115 Grant is Section 1115 of the Social Security Act [42 U.S.C. 1315] which provides funds for experimental, pilot, or demonstration projects that are likely to assist in promoting the objectives of Part D of Title IV. The projects:

- (1) Must be designed to improve the financial well-being of children or otherwise improve the operation of the child support program; and
- (2) May not permit modifications in the child support program that would have the effect of disadvantaging children in need of support.

More information is available at <http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/cse/grants/>.

Grant Submission Process

All LCSAs who are interested in applying for a Section 1115 grant are required to first submit a completed Grant Proposal Review Form to the Regional Administrator assigned to your LCSA by **February 28, 2008**. A list of the DCSS Regional Administrators and a Grant Proposal Review Form are enclosed for your convenience. The completed form should include a conceptual or draft proposal for grant submission. DCSS will review each proposal and notify LCSAs if their proposal is selected. DCSS will also work with the selected LCSAs to complete the final grant applications.

Please note that in the past applications for Special Improvement Project (SIP) and Section 1115 grants have been coordinated together, however, because the announcements and due dates for the two grant types are several weeks apart, applications are being coordinated separately this year. The 1115 grant applications are due to the OCSE by **April 14, 2008**.

Any LCSA who is contacted by an outside organization seeking support or commitment for a grant proposal, should first seek review of the proposal by DCSS.

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If you have general questions about grant opportunities, please contact your Regional Administrator. For technical questions regarding grant requirements, please contact Elizabeth Hepworth at (916) 464-5807.

Sincerely,

/s/ by Wilfred Otterbeck

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Child Support Services Division

Enclosures



**DEPARTMENT OF CHILD SUPPORT SERVICES
REGIONAL ADMINISTRATORS
ASSIGNMENTS**

As of December 10, 2007

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Butte
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Placer
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Siskiyou / Modoc●
Sutter
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Trinity
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Yuba

**REGION 2 – Bay Area
CHERYL STEWART
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Alameda
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San Francisco
San Mateo
Santa Clara
Santa Cruz / San Benito●
Solano
Sonoma

- Regionalized LCSAs

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Stanislaus
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Santa Barbara
Ventura

**REGION 5 – South Coast
MARY LAWRENCE
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Los Angeles
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San Diego

DCSS Grant Proposal Review Form

LCSA:

LCSA contact person:

Phone number:

Email address:

Date:

Name of granting entity and type of grant(s):

Date grant proposal due:

Amount of grant sought:

Is a match required? If so, amount of match: \$

Target population:

Grant conceptual proposal (add additional pages if necessary):
