

First 5 LA Early Childhood Policy Advocacy Fund

Reimagining Systems Fund

APPLICATION INFORMATION SESSION

3/30/2023



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Early Childhood Policy Advocacy Fund (EC PAF) Background

- First 5 LA - Whole Child, Whole Family Framework
- Long-Term Systems Outcomes
 - ❖ **Equitable:** Public systems eliminate systemic biases in mindsets, policies, procedures, and practices
 - ❖ **Power Sharing:** Communities and public systems share power in the development, implementation, and improvement of policies, procedures, and practices that impact children and families
 - ❖ **Financing:** The financing mechanisms of public systems are sufficient and incentivize a whole child, whole family, prevention-oriented approach
 - ❖ **Accessible:** Public systems are connected, aligned, and seamless

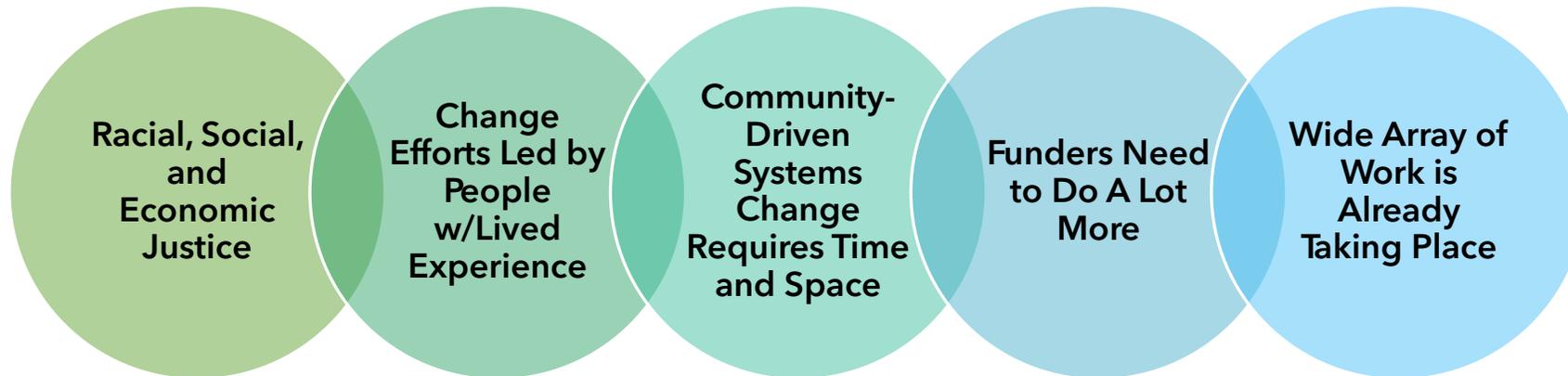


EC PAF Co-Design Process

The Design Team - a diversity of lived experiences

History of Policy - Families and Children, by Patricia Karimi-Taleghani (October 2022)

Learning from the Field - Listening Sessions (July 2022 - February 2023)



EC PAF Values

- Centering and **operationalizing equity**
- Expanding and sustaining **diverse organizations** to impact policy, implementation, and systems
- Integrating knowledge and input of people with **lived experiences**, as they are critical for identifying and solving systemic problems
- **Re-balancing power** relationships and dynamics
- Adding more **inclusive voices** and perspectives to improve policymaking processes – especially agenda setting and policy implementation
- **Shifting narratives** toward equitable treatment of people both within the community and within administrative systems
- **Increasing access** for grassroots organizations and community members to get involved in systems change



EC PAF Grant Pools

Reimagining Systems Fund

- Grants of \$250K - \$350K
- 501(c)(3) and fiscally-sponsored organizations
- Working towards changing public systems most critical to children prenatal to 5 and their families AND led by community members w/lived experience of inequities



Community Opportunities Flexible Fund

- \$2,500 - \$85K in grants, stipends, contracts, and honoraria
- Organizations and volunteer efforts
- Build community connections and voice of people most impacted to change systems affecting children prenatal to 5 and their families



Reimagining Systems Fund (RSF)

- \$250,000 - \$350,000 to nonprofits active in Los Angeles County
- 501(c)(3) organizations and fiscally-sponsored organizations
- Organizations of any size and partnerships of 2 or more organizations are welcome
- Under First 5 LA's bylaws, funding **cannot** be used for grassroots lobbying activities



RSF - Funding Priorities

- Organizations with meaningful involvement and leadership in decision-making by community members negatively impacted by the systems they are advocating to reimagine
- Engage in systems or policy change affecting children prenatal to 5 and their families, including but not limited to: agenda setting, narrative change, policy change, practice change, budget/financing changes, community mobilizing, relationship-building, and implementation and/or policy monitoring
- Are addressing in a meaningful way one or more of First 5 LA's long-term systems outcome areas: **Equitable; Power Sharing; Financing; Accessible**



Areas of Policy & Systems Change

- **Agenda setting** - getting issues recognized, acknowledged, and/or prioritized
- **Narrative change** - developing common language, shifting how an issue is thought about and/or changing beliefs of the public, policymakers, or other actors in a system
- **Policy change** -shifting the rules, regulations, and/or priorities of a government or other public-serving agencies
- **Practice change** - shifting how organizations or institutions work to make a meaningful impact
- **Budget/financing changes** - advocating for how money/resources are allocated or distributed
- **Community mobilizing** - movement-building and/or meaningfully including community in the work
- **Relationship-building** - increasing connections or communication between actors, networks, or coalitions to move the work forward
- **Implementation and/or policy monitoring** - follow-up or monitoring of changes to rules, regulations, practices, or priorities to ensure a meaningful impact



RSF - Application Review Criteria

Systems Impact: The proposal demonstrates the potential to create meaningful system change (policies, processes, institutions, common practices, etc.) impacting children prenatal to 5 and their families in LA County.

Equitable/Meaningful Involvement: The proposed work attempts to address root causes of inequitable systems and is led by community members who have lived experiences with inequities.

Actionable: The proposal seems feasible within the described timeframe and budget. The applicant appears to have the capacity, capability, and knowledge to execute the work.



RSF - How to Apply

Information: <https://communitypartners.org/landing-page/ecpaf/>

A full proposal consists of the following:

1. Application form completed via [Submittable](#).
2. Response to the five (5) required [narrative questions](#), uploaded through your Submittable application (in Word or PDF format).
3. Completed [budget template](#), uploaded through your Submittable application (in Excel format)
4. Organization's financial statements from the most recently completed fiscal year, audited if available (in PDF or Excel format).



RSF - Timeline

Applications Due: Friday, April 21, 2023

Award Notification: Late May 2023

Start of Year 1 Grant: June or July 2023



Resources

Visit: <https://communitypartners.org/landing-page/ecpaf/>

Contact: Priscilla Romero at promero@communitypartners.org



Questions?



Thank You!

