



Application Deadline: August 16, 2017

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 Centers¹ 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

The Goals and Strategies from the “*Blueprint for Protecting Children in Agriculture: The 2012 National Action Plan*” serves as an updated guide to national initiatives related to children’s agricultural health and safety. Each application must clearly indicate how it is addressing a priority in childhood agricultural injury prevention as outlined in this National Action Plan.

Highest funding priority will be given to projects that:

- a) Address persistent patterns of childhood injury in agriculture (e.g. extra riders on tractors, children and skid steers).
- b) Address issues pertaining to barriers, motivators and interventions for keeping young children out of the farm worksite.
- c) Address vulnerable² populations (e.g., immigrant workers’ children, Anabaptists, African Americans, and Native Americans).

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.³ 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 Per the NORA Agriculture, Forestry & Fishing definition, “Vulnerability” relates to English language skills, literacy levels, mobility, migration, work arrangement, socioeconomic status, culture, ethnicity and physical or cognitive ability.

³ <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 be returned.

Application item	Length	Comment
A. Contact Information Form	1 page	Download from website at: http://www.marshfieldresearch.org/nccrahs/mini-grants
B. Project Goal	6 pages total for sections B thru G	Concise statement of project goal / outcomes / deliverables
C. Background and Significance		Describe specific national priority area(s) addressed. If relevant, include local needs assessment or other formative research.
D. Project Design / Methods		Planned design and methods
E. Evaluation		See "Evaluation" below
F. Implications for future studies / programs		Include potential for future research, continued funding, or spin-off programs
G. Timeline		Project timeline limited to 12 months maximum
H. Budget and Budget Justification	1 page plus indirect agreement (if needed)	See "Budget" below
I. Biosketch	1 page each	Biosketch is required for Principal Investigator and key personnel; narrative, summary, or NIH style biosketch is acceptable
J. Appendices	10 pages total	Only highly relevant materials should be included in appendices

Format

Font: Arial 11 pt. Margins: 1 inch. Single spaced. All pages must be numbered.

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 must 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@mcrf.mfldclin.edu.

Review Criteria

Proposals will be peer-reviewed using the following criteria: a) alignment with the purpose of mini-grant 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 22, 2017. All funds must be expended by September 29, 2018. Final reports for all projects are due by November 15, 2018.

Questions

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

If you have questions not answered by the FAQ page:

For questions regarding the funding process (e.g. budget), please contact Marlene Stueland, email Stueland.Marlene@mcrf.mfldclin.edu or phone 800-662-6900.

For programmatic questions (priority topics, fundable ideas, potential collaborators), please contact Marsha Salzwedel, M.S., email salzwedel.marsha@mcrf.mfldclin.edu or phone 800-662-6900.