

2020 Mentoring Grant

PRESENTATION ON THE 2020 MENTORING GRANT OPPORTUNITY

National CASA/GAL Grants Administration

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WEBINAR OBJECTIVES

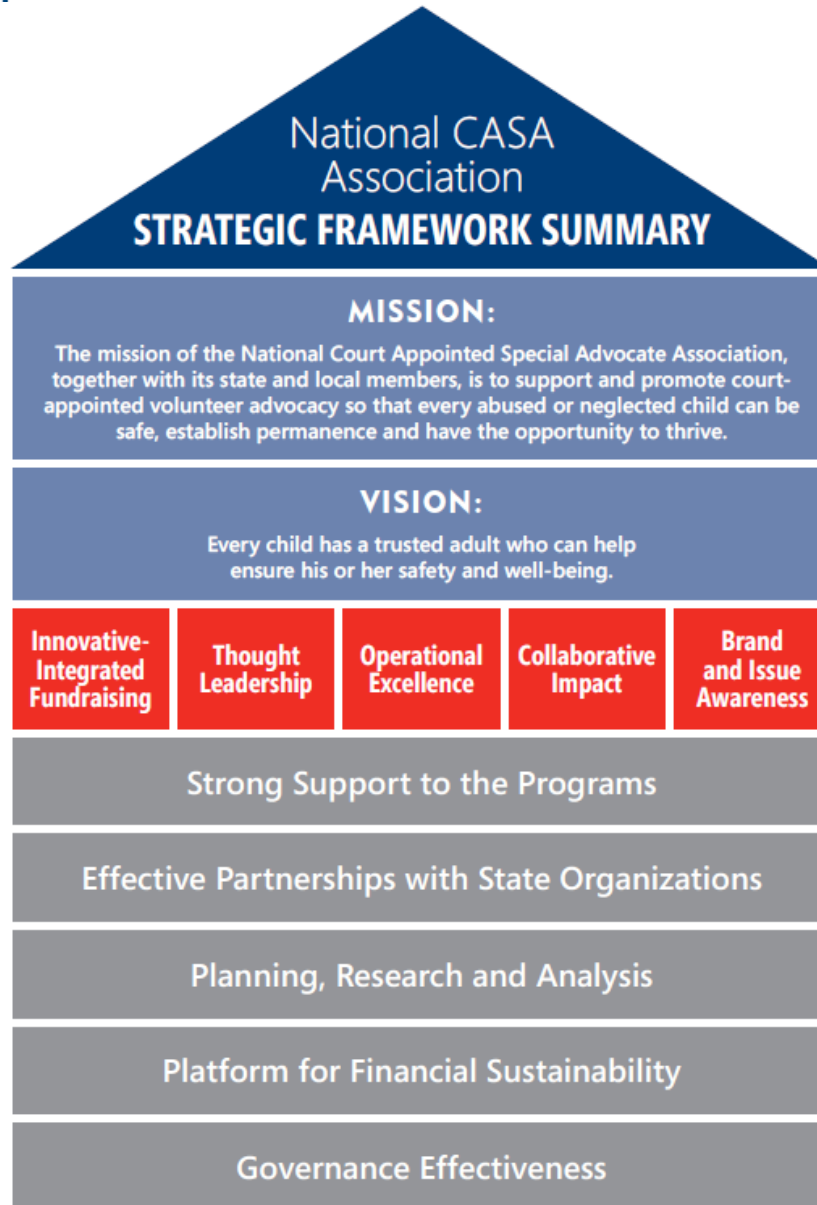
- Review National CASA/GAL guiding principles and mentoring grants policy
- Learn about the National mentoring grant goals
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- Review the grant eligibility, requirements, goals and award conditions
- Discuss the 2020 mentoring grant process and timeline
- Identify technical assistance and answer questions

GUIDING PRINCIPLES AND MENTORING GRANTS POLICY

GUIDING PRINCIPLES

- Fund our strategy
- Allocate funding with greater impact
- Position ourselves for funding increase
- Manage more effectively and efficiently
- Increase accountability

ALIGNMENT TO OUR STRATEGIC FRAMEWORK



Grant funding will support Enabling Focus Areas



2020-2021 MENTORING GRANTS POLICY

- National CASA/GAL Association will sub-award \$3.24 million to local programs and state direct service organizations.
- Grants must be issued in at least 38 states.
- The award is for two 1-year grant periods covering April 1, 2020 - March 31, 2022.
- Grant awards may range from \$50,000 to \$80,000 for **non-urban** programs for a two-year grant term.
- **Urban programs** may be awarded up to \$150,000 for a two-year grant term.

NATIONAL MENTORING GRANT GOALS

National Mentoring Grant Goals

THE OVERALL GOAL IS TO EXPAND BEST INTEREST ADVOCACY TO MORE CHILDREN AGE 0-17 YEARS; ALL CHILDREN IN FOSTER CARE ARE IDENTIFIED AS AT-RISK OR HIGH-RISK FOR INVOLVEMENT IN THE JUVENILE JUSTICE SYSTEM

THERE IS A PARTICULAR EMPHASIS ON THE FOLLOWING TARGET POPULATIONS:

- American Indian/Alaska Native Youth
- Youth in rural, tribal and/or urban areas
- Opioid-Impacted Youth
- Youth with Incarcerated Parents
- Youth at risk of Sex-Trafficking

National CASA/GAL Overall Grant Goals

NATIONAL CASA/GAL ASSOCIATION WILL FUND SUB-GRANTS CONSISTENT WITH OUR OVERALL GRANT GOALS OF ACHIEVING THE FOLLOWING:

- Increasing staff capacity by at least 30 FTE
- Increasing the number of program mentor advocates recruited, screened and trained by 1,950
 - 400 from tribal communities
 - 25 who are former foster youth of color
 - 375 from where the youth live
 - 25 from rural communities
- Increasing programmatic capacity to serve an additional 3,762 youth
 - 50 from American Indian/Alaska Native communities

Fostering Futures Initiative

The National CASA/GAL Association is launching Fostering Futures, a multi-year initiative to strengthen our service to the transition-age youth we already serve and expand our services to more young people preparing for adult life after the foster care system.

There is an opportunity for a select group to participate in a demonstration project with National CASA/GAL to develop an enhanced model for service to older youth in addition to the use of Fostering Futures model.

Grant Eligibility and Requirements

Grant Eligibility

- Full member of the National CASA/GAL Association
- In 'good standing' with the National CASA/GAL Association
 - Current paid membership and completion of membership renewal activities*
 - Completion of the 2018** annual survey & six-month reports

*Any questions regarding membership status should be directed to memberservices@nationalcasagal.org

**At time of award, programs are required to have completed the 2019 annual survey (due April 1, 2020)

- Success performance and meeting requirements on any current and previous National CASA/GAL grants
- Priority **may** be given to applicants who have not received National CASA/GAL grants for 2017, 2018 or 2019



Funding Goal Requirements for New Volunteers (general)

Two Year Grant Total	# of new volunteers activated (i.e. assigned to a case	# of additional children to be served (i.e. assigned to a volunteer
\$50,000 Request	30	75
\$60,000 Request	36	90
\$70,000 Request	42	105
\$80,000 Request	48	120
\$90,000 Request (urban programs only)	54	135
\$100,000 Request (urban programs only)	60	150
\$150,000 Request (urban programs only)	90	225



Funding Goal Requirements for New Volunteers trained in Fostering Futures

Two Year Grant Total	# of new volunteers activated (i.e. assigned to a case	# of additional youth to be served (i.e. assigned to a volunteer
\$50,000 Request	30	45
\$60,000 Request	36	54
\$70,000 Request	42	63
\$80,000 Request	48	72
\$90,000 Request (urban programs only)	54	81
\$100,000 Request (urban programs only)	60	90
\$150,000 Request (urban programs only)	90	135

Grant Requirements

- Grantees will have additional behavioral and life skills reporting obligations to our partnering entity
- Grantees will partner with National CASA/GAL to offer training to their volunteers on cultural competency and as applicable:
 - working with families impacted by opioid abuse,
 - working with youth who are at risk for sex trafficking and
 - Fostering Futures to work with youth who are ages 12-17.

Reporting & Tracking Requirements

IF AWARDED PROGRAMS WILL HAVE TO COMMIT TO THE FOLLOWING REPORTING REQUIREMENTS:

- New volunteer (recruited, screened, trained, and assigned) – Refer to the Funding Goal Requirements for the projected number of new volunteers depending on the grant award amount and volunteer type.
- New youth who are age 17 or younger – Refer to the Funding Goal Requirements table for the projected number of additional youth served depending on the grant award amount and service population age
- Tracking in general and specifically one or more of the following target populations:
 - American Indian/Alaska Native Youth
 - Youth in rural, tribal and/or urban areas
 - Opioid-Impacted Youth
 - Youth with Incarcerated Parents
 - Youth at risk of Sex-Trafficking

Grant Goals/Targets

AS APPLICABLE, GRANTEES MUST STRIVE TO ACHIEVE THE FOLLOWING GOALS/TARGETS:

- Increase in behavioral outcomes
- Increase in family engagement
- Increase in life skills outcomes for youth ages 12-17
- Provide Fostering Futures training to volunteers serving youth 12-17 years old
- Increase cultural competency training to volunteers
- Implement specialized training for volunteers serving youth impacted by opioid abuse, youth with incarcerated parents and youth at risk for sex trafficking

Grant Award Conditions

- Submit monthly expense reports
- Submit quarterly new volunteers assigned and children served counts
- Submit Volunteer Knowledge Surveys and Life Skills Assessments Pre and Post Surveys throughout the grant period when serving youth 12-17.
- Submit semi-annual narrative reports
- Submit semi-annual grantee data reports
- Maintain worksheet provided by National CASA/GAL vendor throughout the grant period on data collection for the grant
- Take part in regularly scheduled calls with designated National CASA/GAL Association staff if so selected (frequency TBD)
- Take part in desks audits and/or monitoring as requested

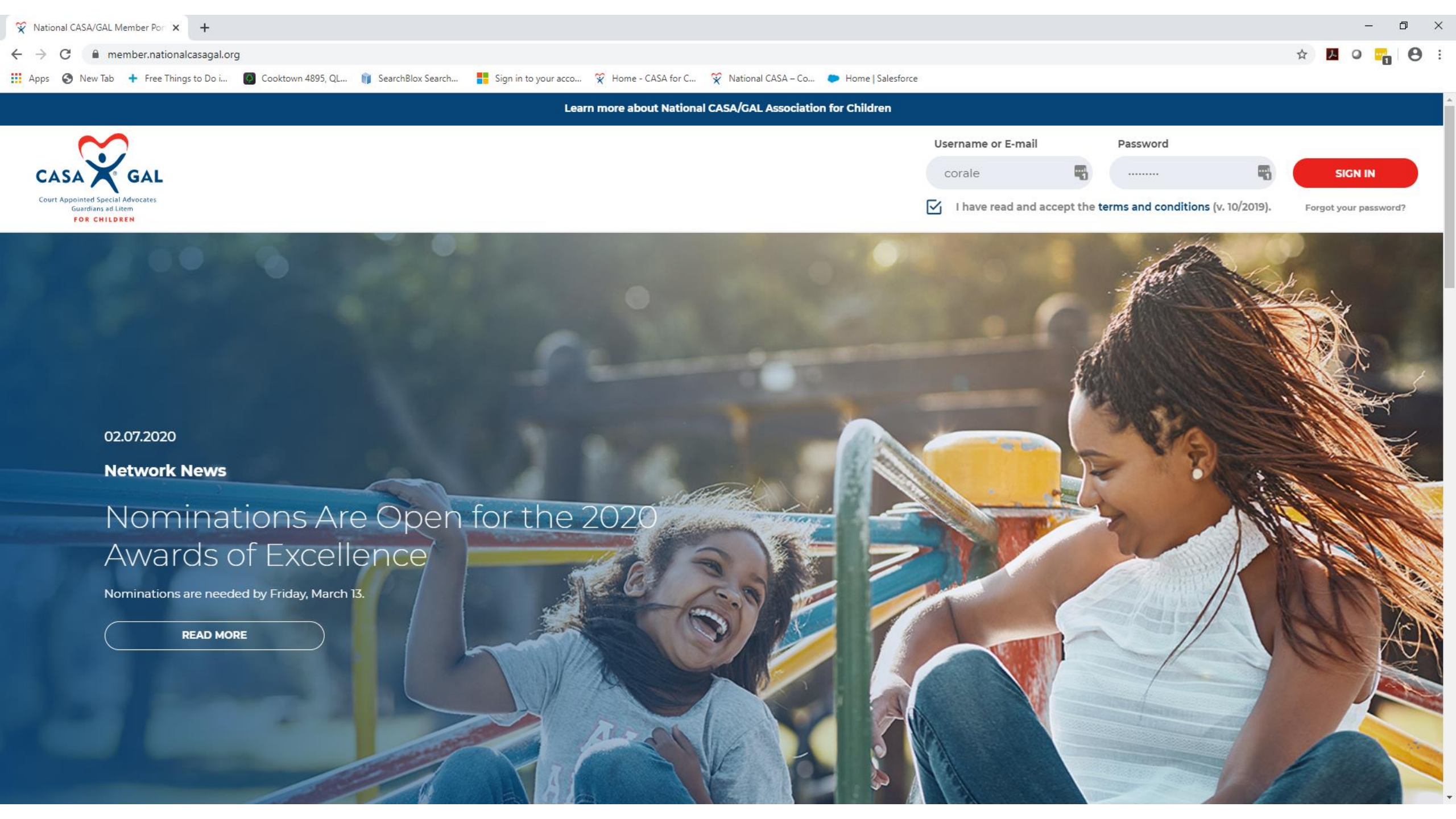
Grant Timeline

Mentoring Grants Timeline

- February 19, 2020 – Mentoring Grant Application launched
- February 24, 2020 – Mentoring Grant Webinar
 - Recording of webinar will be posted online on February 26, 2020
- Application Technical Assistance period – Open until the business day before the grant deadline date. (Tuesday, March 31, 2020)
- **Grant Application due date: Wednesday, April 1, 2020 at 8am Pacific Time**
 - Upload portal will automatically close at 8am Pacific Time
 - Emailed applications will not be accepted
- Review Process Period: April 2020
- Award Notifications: April 2020
- Overall Grant Period: April 1, 2020 to March 31, 2022 (Two 1-year grant periods)

National CASA/GAL Website Grants Page Log On





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Network News

Nominations Are Open for the 2020 Awards of Excellence

Nominations are needed by Friday, March 13.

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Application Due Date: Wednesday, April 1, 2020, by 8:00 am PT

The overall goal of the National Mentoring Grant is to expand best interest advocacy to more children with a particular emphasis on a number of specific target populations as well as an opportunity for a select group to participate in a demonstration project with National CASA/GAL to develop an enhanced model for service to older youth.

To help every single youth achieve their potential, the National CASA/GAL Association is launching *Fostering Futures*, a multi-year initiative to strengthen our service to the transition-age young we already serve and expand our services to more young people preparing for adult life after the foster care system. We believe high school graduation, living wage employment, a place to live, and a healthy, thriving adulthood is within reach of every youth aging out of foster care. With *Fostering Futures*, National CASA/GAL is committed to achieving better outcomes for the 62,000 youth age 13 and above we already serve and expanding our service to youth without the support of a volunteer.

In addition to the general population of children served by CASA/GAL programs, target populations for the Mentoring grants are:

- youth ages 12-17 identified as at-risk or high-risk for involvement in the juvenile justice system*;
- American Indian and Alaska Native (AI/AN) youth;
- youth living in rural, urban or tribal communities;
- youth impacted by the opioid crisis;
- youth with incarcerated parents; and
- youth at risk for child sex trafficking

*Please note that for the purposes of this grant, all foster youth are considered at-risk for involvement in the juvenile justice system.

Grant Application

Application Format


NATIONAL CASA/GAL GRANT APPLICATION HAS 7 DISTINCT SECTIONS:

1. Summary Sheet
2. Program Information
3. Project Need
4. Project Approach
5. Sustainability
6. Grant Budget Narrative
7. Grant Budget Summary

Summary Sheet

Page 1 consists of:

1. Amount Requested: Year 1, Year 2, Total (auto populated)
2. Target Population(s)
3. Project Abstract
4. Authorizing Governing Body Representative signature



National CASA/GAL Association
2020-2022 Mentoring Grant Application

Summary Sheet

- Amount Requested:

Year 1	Year 2	Total
- Target Population (s):
Check Box: Select the target youth population(s) you will serve. You can select one or more:

<input type="checkbox"/> American Indian/Alaskan Native Youth	<input type="checkbox"/> Youth in urban areas
<input type="checkbox"/> Opioid Impacted Youth	<input type="checkbox"/> Youth in tribal areas
<input type="checkbox"/> Youth with Incarcerated Parents	<input type="checkbox"/> Youth ages 15-17
<input type="checkbox"/> Youth at risk of Sex-Trafficking	<input type="checkbox"/> Youth ages 12-17
<input type="checkbox"/> Youth in rural areas	<input type="checkbox"/> General population, Youth 0-17
- Project Abstract:
Summarize the proposed project in 300 words or less (please do not exceed the space allotted for box).

Authorizing Governing Body representative, not staff person, approving and submitting grant application

Authorizing Representative Electronic Signature

Title Date (mm/dd/yyyy)

By submitting this document electronically I certify that:

- Our program is eligible to apply for a grant according to the instructions and information on eligibility criteria.
- I have read and approved this grant application and there are no material misstatements or misrepresentations and have the authority to submit the application on behalf of the program named.

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Page 2 consists of:

1. Applicant Information
2. Fiscal Agent Information, if applicable
3. Demonstration Project Interest

Program Information

Program Information

1. Applicant Information

a.	Name of CASA/GAL Program	
b.	National CASA Program ID Number (5 digits)	
c.	Contact Person for the Grant (if different from State Director)	
d.	City, State	
e.	Phone Number	
f.	Email Address	
g.	Federal EIN (note if not applicable)	
h.	DUNS Number	

2. Additional Information for Fiscal Agent if program cannot receive funds directly.

a.	Fiscal Agent Organization Name	
b.	Contact Name and Title	
c.	Address (Street or PO Box)	
d.	City, State and Zip	
e.	Phone Number	
f.	Email Address	
g.	Federal EIN (if different than above)	
h.	DUNS Number	

3. Demonstration Project Interest: Are you interested in your program being considered as one of the four demonstration grantees to work with National CASA/GAL on a new Life Skills Mentor Model for older youth?

If yes, please explain why your program is in a position to be considered as a demonstration grantee.

Page 3 consists of:

1. Describing how the program assessed the need for grant project and how it is supported by your strategic or growth plan.

Project Need

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Page 4 consists of:

1. Describe your plan to recruit, screen, train and activate mentor advocates to serve the target population.

Project Approach

Project Approach

1. Describe in detail your plan to recruit, train and activate mentor advocates to serve the target population(s).

Pages 5-6 consist of:

2. Goals, objectives,
measurable outcomes,
activities and timeline

Project Approach

Project Approach

1. Explain what you plan to achieve with this grant by completing the goals and objectives, including measurable outcomes. Then list the activities necessary to reach each goal along with the timeline and the person responsible. (Please do not exceed the space allotted for the box.)

Goal, Objective and Measurable Outcome(s)

Activities and Timeline

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Activities and Timeline

Sustainability

Page 7 consists of:

1. Long term strategies for funding activities beyond the grant period so progress will be sustained

Sustainability

1. Describe the strategies for funding the activities of this effort/project beyond the grant period so that progress will be sustained. (Please do not exceed the space allotted for the box.)

Grant Budget Narrative

Pages 8 - 11 consist of:

1. Personnel Salaries
2. Taxes/Benefits
3. Travel
4. Printing/Copying
5. Supplies
6. Equipment
7. Rent/Utilities
8. Other

(For Year 1 and Year 2 Columns)

Grant Budget Narrative

Describe in detail how grant funds will be allocated and spent in each applicable category. **It is required to include a formula in the computation section for how requested costs were determined.** All costs must be expendable during the course of the project. Please show calculation for Year 1 and Year 2 if different.

1. Personnel Salaries

List each position by title and name of employee, if available. Show the gross annual salary rate and the percentage of the employee's time to be devoted to the grant project.

#	Name/Position	Computation (required)	Year 1	Year 2
1			\$0	\$0
2			\$0	\$0
3			\$0	\$0
			\$0	\$0

2. Taxes/Benefits

Taxes and benefits (employer's share only) should be based on actual known costs or an established formula. Benefits are for the personnel listed in the personnel salaries budget category (see above).

#	Name/Position	Computation (required)	Year 1	Year 2
1			\$0	\$0
2			\$0	\$0
3			\$0	\$0
			\$0	\$0

Grant Budget Summary

Page 12 consists of:

Grant Budget Summary

(auto-populated)

For Year 1 and Year 2 Totals

Grant Budget Summary

#	Budget Line Items	Year 1	Year 2
1	Personnel Salaries	\$0	\$0
2	Taxes/Benefits	\$0	\$0
3	Travel	\$0	\$0
4	Printing/Copying	\$0	\$0
5	Supplies	\$0	\$0
6	Equipment	\$0	\$0
7	Rent/Utilities	\$0	\$0
8	Other	\$0	\$0
		\$0	\$0

Unallowable Grant Costs

- Bad Debts
- Bonuses
- Capital Improvements
- Commissions
- Contingencies
- Contributions and donations
- Entertainment
- Fines, Penalties and Interest
- Food and Beverages
- Fundraising
- Incorporation Costs
- In-person meetings (except trainings)
- Lobbying
- Pre-award costs
- Recognition events and items
- Social activities
- Staff serving cases

Tips on Preparing a Complete, Quality Application

1. Completely answer all questions
2. Provide unique answers to each question; do not duplicate responses
3. Ensure grant amounts requested on Page 1 match grant budget summary totals
4. Show formula/calculation for grant budget amounts
5. Be sure to use the latest version of Adobe available

Technical Assistance

- Recording of webinar and any resulting Question and Answer (Q&A) document will be made available on our website, Grants Page
- Technical Assistance through March 31, 2020 is available by emailing:

grants@nationalcasagal.org

Subject Line: 2020 Mentoring Grant Inquiry

Applications due via upload Wednesday, April 1, 2020 by 8am Pacific Time

Training for tracking and reporting requirements will be held for grantees post-award.

QUESTIONS?



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