

2021 CORE MODEL GRANT (OJJDP Mentoring Program)

National CASA/GAL Grants Administration

April 1, 2021





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WEBINAR OBJECTIVES

Review	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Review National CASA/GAL guiding principles and core model grants policy
Learn	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Learn about the core model grant goals• Learn about National CASA/GAL goals
Review	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Review the grant eligibility, requirements, goals and award conditions
Discuss	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Discuss the 2021 core model grant process and timeline
Identify	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Identify technical assistance and answer questions



GUIDING PRINCIPLES AND CORE MODEL GRANTS POLICY

GUIDING PRINCIPLES



ALIGNMENT TO OUR STRATEGIC FRAMEWORK

National CASA/GAL Association Strategic Framework Summary

Mission: The National CASA/GAL Association, together with state and local member programs, supports and promotes court-appointed volunteer advocacy so every child who has experienced abuse or neglect can be safe, have a permanent home, and the opportunity to thrive.

Vision: A world where every abused or neglected child is given the opportunity to thrive in a safe and loving home.

Innovative-Integrated Fundraising

Thought Leadership

Operational Excellence

Collaborative Impact

Brand and Issue Awareness

Strong Support to the Programs

Effective Partnerships with State Organizations

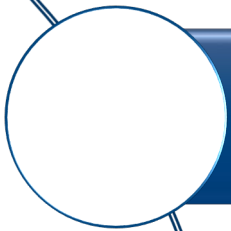
Planning, Research and Analysis

Platform for Financial Sustainability

Governance Effectiveness

Grant funding will support Enabling Focus Areas

2021 CORE MODEL GRANTS POLICY



National CASA/GAL Association will sub-award \$2.25 million to local programs and state direct service organizations.



Grants must be issued in at least 38 states.



The award is for one 1-year grant period covering July 1, 2021 - June 30, 2022.



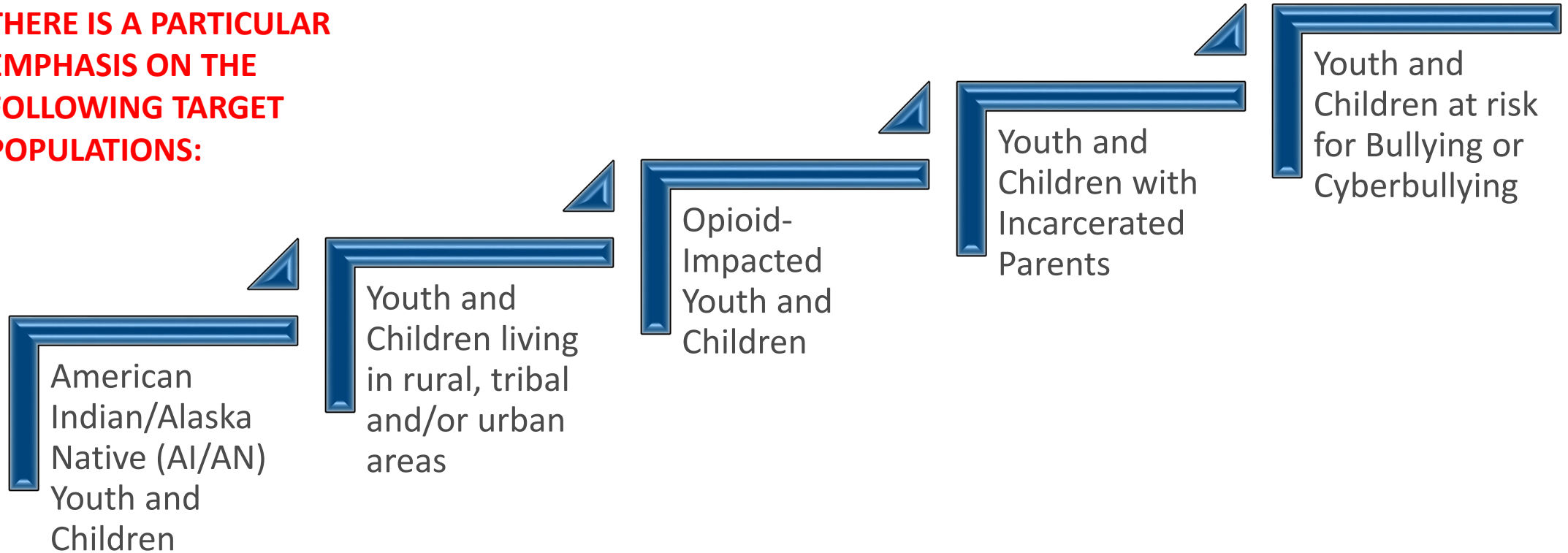
Grant awards may range from \$30,000 to \$60,000 for a one-year grant term.

CORE MODEL GRANT GOALS

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The overall goal is to expand best interest advocacy to more youth and children ages 0-17; all youth and 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:**



OVERALL GOALS FOR CORE MODEL GRANT

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

Increasing staff capacity
by at least 40 FTE

Increasing the number
of program volunteer
advocates recruited,
screened and trained by
1,368

- 160 from tribal communities

Increasing programmatic
capacity to serve an
additional 3,420 youth
and children

- 160 from American Indian/Alaska Native communities
- 1600 from rural areas

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 2020** 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 2020 annual survey (due March 5, 2021)
- Successful performance and meeting requirements on any current and previous National CASA/GAL grants



FUNDING AND GOAL REQUIREMENTS FOR NEW VOLUNTEERS AND CHILDREN SERVED

Funding Requirements

One 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)
\$30,000 Request	18	45
\$40,000 Request	24	60
\$50,000 Request	30	75
\$60,000 Request	36	90

GRANT REQUIREMENTS

- Grantees will have behavioral and life skills reporting obligations to our partnering entity, Child Trends
- 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 with incarcerated parents and
 - working with youth who are at risk for bullying and cyberbullying



REPORTING & TRACKING REQUIREMENTS

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

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



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 14-17
- 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 of bullying/cyberbullying.



GRANT AWARD CONDITIONS

- Submit monthly expense reports
- Submit quarterly new volunteers assigned and children served counts
- Submit semi-annual and final narrative reports
- Submit Volunteer Knowledge Pre and Post Surveys (for volunteers trained in Fostering Futures Training Curriculum), Youth Life Skills Assessments Pre and Post Surveys (for youth 14-17 and their volunteers) throughout the grant period
- Submit semi-annual grantee data reports
- Maintain worksheet throughout the grant period on data collection for the grant
- Take part in regularly scheduled accountability calls with designated National CASA/GAL Association staff if selected (frequency TBD)
- Take part in desks audits and/or onsite/virtual monitoring as requested
- Take part in mandatory grant trainings and webinars (TBD)



GRANTS TIMELINE

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March 29, 2021	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Core Model Grant Application launched
April 1, 2021	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Core Model Grant Webinar <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recording of webinar will be posted online on April 5, 2021
April 5, 2021	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Application Technical Assistance period – Open until the business day before the grant deadline date. (Friday April 29, 2021)
April 30, 2021	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Grant Application due date: Friday, April 30, 2021 at 5 pm Pacific Standard Time <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Upload portal will automatically close at 5 pm Pacific Standard Time Emailed applications will not be accepted
April & May, 2021	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review Process Period
June, 2021	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Award Notifications
July 1, 2021 – June 30, 2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Overall Grant Period: July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022 (1-year grant period)

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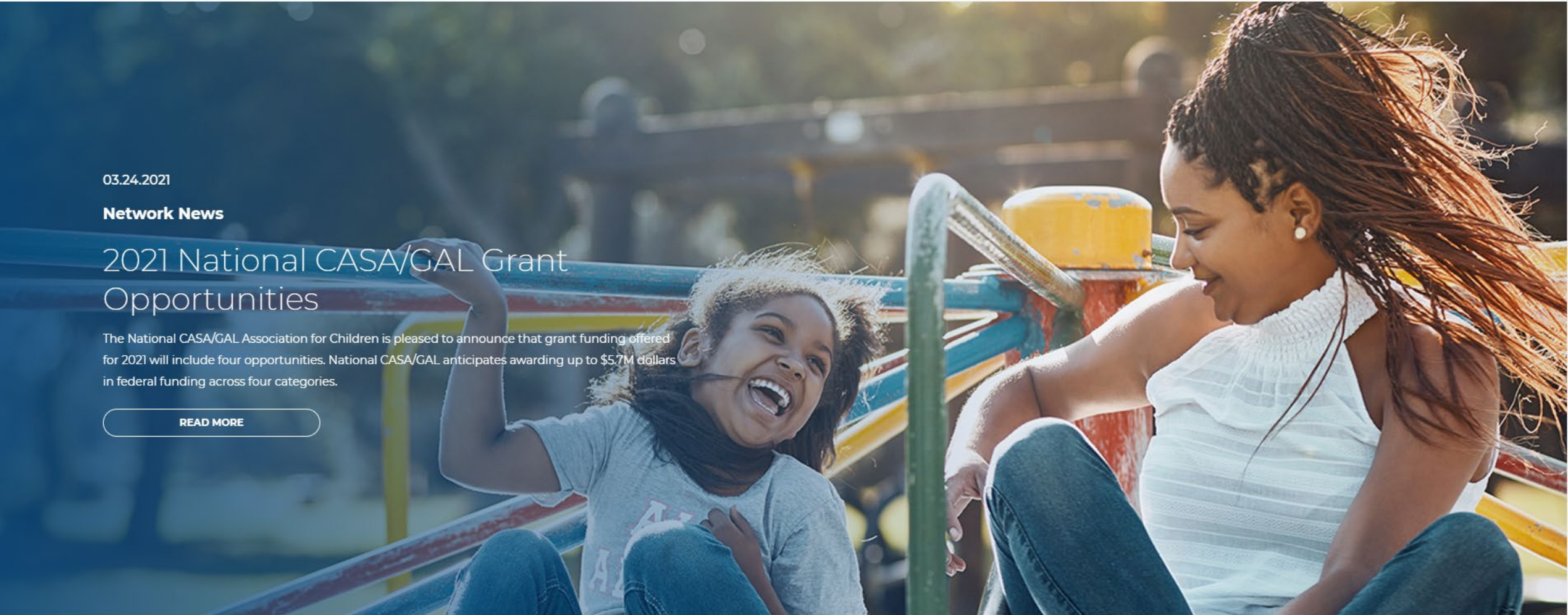
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Network News

2021 National CASA/GAL Grant Opportunities

The National CASA/GAL Association for Children is pleased to announce that grant funding offered for 2021 will include four opportunities. National CASA/GAL anticipates awarding up to \$5.7M dollars in federal funding across four categories.

READ MORE





Walk. Run. Thrive.

Find out more about Walk. Run. Thrive. – a new virtual event to raise awareness of CASA/GAL programs and volunteers nationwide. A toolkit is available to learn more about the event, and it offers tips for programs to promote and participate in the event.

Walk. Run. Thrive. Toolkit



COVID-19: Program Reopening Resources

As states begin to return to the office, National CASA/GAL wants to make sure you have the resources you need to safely return. On this page you will find checklists, documents, articles and other helpful resources to help you prepare. This page will be updated periodically.

Program Reopening Resources



COVID-19: Emergency Planning Resources

As we continue to monitor the effects of the coronavirus (COVID-19) and its impact on all of our lives, we are planning numerous ways we can support you in your service to children and families.

Emergency planning Resources



Who We Are

Learn more about National CASA/GAL, including our history, mission, vision, values, strategic framework and ways to get involved. You'll also find a leadership and staff directory here.

Who We Are



Program Quality, Standards & Guidance

Retrieve details on state organization and local program standards, along with technical guidance to support implementation of these standards.

Program Quality, Standards & Guidance



Network Development

National CASA/GAL supports state organizations and local programs to enable volunteers throughout the nation to speak up for an ever-growing number of children who have experienced abuse or neglect. Find resources that will guide this growth.

Network Development



Funding a CASA/GAL Program

Finding diverse and adequate funding sources is an ongoing and necessary goal of state organizations and local programs in order to effectively carry out the mission. This section includes information to support resource development efforts.



Funding a CASA/GAL Program



Marketing & Legislative Advocacy

National CASA/GAL provides customized resources to member programs to help with recruiting volunteers, attracting donors, strengthening their image in the community and being a voice in public policy.

Marketing and Legislative Advocacy



Training

Training is a significant endeavor and critical underpinning of CASA/GAL local programs and state organizations. National CASA/GAL is committed to ensuring curriculum offerings support the highest quality advocacy possible.

Training



National CASA/GAL Grants Program

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National CASA/GAL Grant Funding

All member programs in good standing with the National CASA/GAL Association are eligible to apply for grant funding and must be current on membership renewal, submission of the 2020 annual survey and program six-month reporting, remain in compliance with National CASA/GAL Association Standards and have successfully executed on previous National CASA/GAL grants.

Funding typically comes to National CASA/GAL from the organizations below:

- A cooperative agreement with the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP), which includes funding for the purpose of increasing the number of abused and neglected children who are assigned a CASA volunteer or volunteer guardian ad litem (GAL) to advocate for their best interests.
- A National Mentoring Grant awarded by the OJJDP.
- Jewelers for Children (JFC) continues its support of CASA/GAL volunteer advocacy. Since 2003, JFC has contributed more than \$9 million in funding.

Visit the [Open Grant Opportunities](#) page.



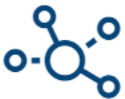
Opportunities

for State Organizations and Local Programs

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The National CASA/GAL Association is authorized to distribute funds through a cooperative agreement with the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP), under the Victims of Child Abuse Act (P.L. 101-647), for the purpose of increasing the number of abused and neglected children assigned a CASA volunteer or volunteer guardian ad litem (GAL) to advocate for their best interests. These are federal funds and may only be used to serve children who have experienced abuse or neglect and are the subject of civil child abuse proceedings.

All federal funds are contingent on an annual appropriation by Congress and subsequent approval by OJJDP.



Core Model Grant Application
2021

OJJDP National Mentoring Grant

Core Model Grant Application 2021



Background Check Program

Applications are being accepted on a rolling basis. [Learn more.](#)

Background Check Program



Loyola Executive Program

Children's Law and Policy Executive Program.

Professional Development Opportunity with
Loyola University's ChildLaw Center



OJJDP National Mentoring Grant

Core Model Grant Application 2021

Introduction

Through a competitive national grants process, National CASA/GAL Association was awarded a \$2.5 million National Mentoring Program grant through the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP). Sub-awards covering a one-year grant period will be awarded to local programs and/or direct service state organizations in at least 38 states in the sum of \$2.25 million.

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.

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

- children or youth ages 0-17 identified as at-risk or high-risk for involvement in the juvenile justice system*;
- American Indian and Alaska Native (AI/AN) children or youth;
- children or youth living in rural and/or tribal communities;
- children or youth impacted by the opioid crisis;
- children or youth with incarcerated parents; and
- children or youth at risk for bullying or cyberbullying

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

We encourage all members identified as eligible to apply as it is important that we provide support to as many member programs as possible through this and other grants cycles. Member programs in good standing with the National CASA/GAL Association are eligible to be awarded grant funding. These programs must be current on their membership renewal, submit the 2020 annual survey and program six-month reporting, remain in compliance with National CASA/GAL Association Standards and have experience with successful execution on previous National CASA/GAL grants. *All funds are contingent on receipt of funds by the U.S. Congress and subsequent funding by OJJDP.*



Application Timeline:

- Opens: Monday, March 29, 2021
- Closes: Friday, April 30, 2021, at 5 p.m. PT

Eligibility

- CASA/GAL programs in good standing with the National CASA/GAL Association, including current membership renewal, submission of the 2020 annual survey, program six-month report and remain in compliance with current National CASA/GAL Standards.

Resources



Instructions and Information

Introduction, instructions and requirements

PDF



Application

Download Application (PDF)

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Submission Page

Upload your completed application in Adobe PDF file format

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Informational Webinar

Learn about the 2021 Core Model Grant opportunity goals, eligibility, requirements and timeline

Events

GRANT APPLICATION



APPLICATION FORMAT

**NATIONAL CASA/GAL
GRANT APPLICATION
HAS 6 DISTINCT
SECTIONS:**

1) Summary Sheet

**2) Program Information (current staff,
finance history, current budget, and
program statistics)**

3) Project Need

4) Project Approach

5) Grant Budget Narrative

6) Grant Budget Summary

Page 1 consists of:

1. Amount Requested
2. Target Population(s)
3. Project Abstract
4. Authorizing Governing Body Representative signature

SUMMARY SHEET

National CASA/GAL Association 2021 Core Model Grant Application (OJJDP Mentoring Program)



Summary Sheet

1. Amount Requested:
2. 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 rural areas
<input type="checkbox"/> Opioid Impacted Youth	<input type="checkbox"/> Youth in tribal areas
<input type="checkbox"/> Youth with Incarcerated Parents	<input type="checkbox"/> Children or youth ages 0-17 identified as at-risk or high-risk for involvement in the juvenile justice system (Please note that for the purpose of this grant, all youth in foster care are considered at-risk for involvement in the juvenile justice system.)
<input type="checkbox"/> Youth at risk of Cyber/Bullying	
3. 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.

PROGRAM INFORMATION

Page 2 consists of:

1. Applicant Information
2. Fiscal Agent Information, if applicable

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, Zip	
e.	Phone Number	
f.	Email Address	
g.	Federal EIN (note if not applicable)	
h.	DUNS Number	

2. Additional Information for Fiscal Agent and/or Umbrella Agency 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	

Page 3 consists of:

Program Statistics

PROGRAM STATISTICS

Program statistics for the entire program for each calendar year (count the number of children rather than cases because some cases have more than one child) (Age 0-17):

#	Description	2019	2020
A	Total number of children involved in the court system primarily as a result of abuse or neglect (Ages 0 to 17 only)	0	0
B	Total number of abused or neglected children served by volunteers in your program (Ages 0 to 17 only)	0	0
C	Total number of abused or neglected children served by staff in your program (Ages 0 to 17 only)	0	0
D	Total number of new abused or neglected children served by volunteers in your program	0	0
E	Total number of new CASA/GAL volunteers trained and sworn in	0	0
F	Total number of new CASA/GAL volunteers assigned to cases	0	0
G	Total number of CASA/GAL volunteers assigned to cases	0	0
H	Total number of juvenile delinquency offenses for all youth served by your program	0	0
I	Total number of children being impacted by bullying served by your program	0	0
J	Total number of American Indian/Native Alaskan children being served by your program	0	0
K	Total number of children being impacted by opioid abuse/crisis	0	0
L	Total number of children with incarcerated parents	0	0

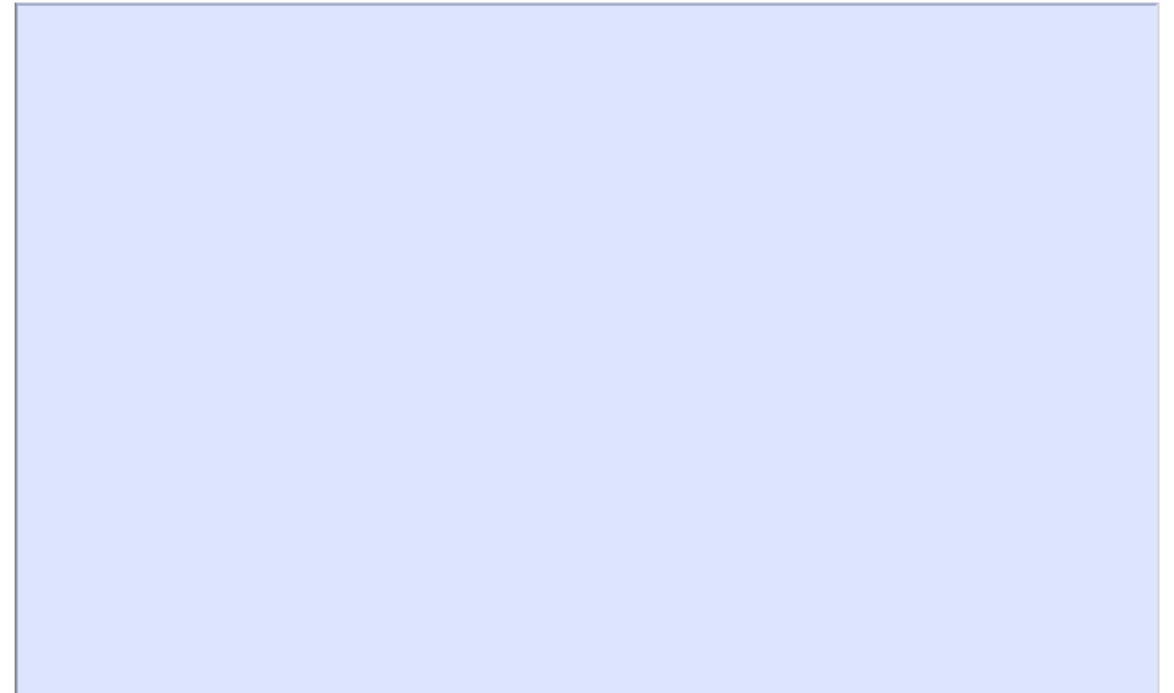
PROJECT NEED

Page 4 consists of:

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

Project Need

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

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Page 5 consists of:

Describe your plan to recruit, screen, train and activate volunteer 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).

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Page 6 consists of:

Goals, objectives, measureable outcomes, activities and timeline

PROJECT APPROACH

Project Approach

2. 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.)

I. Goal, Objective and Measurable Outcome(s)

Activities and Timeline

GRANT BUDGET NARRATIVE

Page 7 – 10 consists of:

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

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.

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)	Amt
1			\$0
2			\$0
3			\$0
			\$0

GRANT BUDGET SUMMARY

Page 11 consists of:

Grant Budget Summary

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Grant Budget Summary

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

UNALLOWABLE GRANT COSTS

• Bad Debts	• Fundraising
• Bonuses	• Incorporation Costs
• Capital Improvements	• In-Person Meetings (except trainings)
• Commissions	• Lobbying
• Contingencies	• Pre-Award Costs
• Contributions and Donations	• Recognition Events and Items
• Entertainment	• Social Activities
• Fines, Penalties and Interest	• Staff Serving Cases
• Food and Beverages	

TIPS ON PREPARING A COMPLETE QUALITY APPLICATION

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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 will be made available on our website, Grants Page
- Technical Assistance through April 29, 2021 is available by emailing:

grants@nationalcasagal.org

Subject Line: 2021 Core Model - Inquiry

Applications due via upload Friday, April 30, 2021 by 5
pm Pacific Standard Time

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



QUESTIONS?





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Points of view or opinions expressed in this webinar are those of the presenter(s) and do not necessarily represent the official position or policies of OJJDP or the U.S. Department of Justice.

UPCOMING WEBINARS

Medical and Legal Considerations for Volunteer and Staff Management during the COVID-19 Pandemic

April 23, 10:30-11:45 a.m. PT. | 1:30-2:45 p.m. ET

Answering Your Questions about the Standards for Local CASA/GAL Programs

April 21, 9-11a.m. PT. | 12-2 p.m. ET

Trafficked Boys: Invisible Victims of Human Trafficking

April 27, 10-11 a.m. PT | 1:00-2:00 p.m. ET

Human Trafficking: Impact of Pornography

May 6, 12-1 p.m. PT | 3:00-4:00 p.m. ET

Core Drug Endangered Children (DEC) Awareness

May 25, 10-11 a.m. PT | 1:00-2:00 p.m. ET

Drug Identification and Trends

June 29, 10-11 a.m. PT | 1:00-2:00 p.m. ET

Intersection of Drug Endangered Children (DEC) and Human Trafficking

July 27, 10-11 a.m. PT | 1:00-2:00 p.m. ET

Intersection of Substance Abuse and Domestic Violence

Aug. 31, 10-11 a.m. PT | 1:00-2:00 p.m. ET

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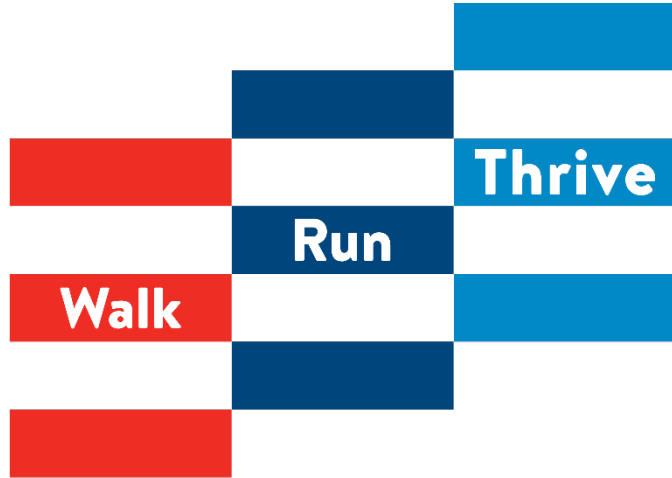
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NATIONAL CASA/GAL ASSOCIATION FOR CHILDREN



On **May 1-2, 2021**, join CASA/GAL supporters across the nation for **Walk. Run. Thrive.**, a virtual event to help raise awareness for the National Court Appointed Special Advocate/Guardian ad Litem (CASA/GAL) Association for Children and its nationwide network of programs.

Join us as we walk (or run) to help children thrive.



LEARN MORE:
nationalcasagal.org/walk-run-thrive



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Thank You!