



Community Connections Grants

Your Ideas. Your Kids. Your Community.

First 5 Napa provides mini-grants up to \$5000 for community members like you, who are interested in organizing activities that promote social connection and a sense of belonging for young children 0-5 and/or their families. Projects must be community-driven (not organized by an agency or organization) and committed to diversity and inclusion. Project funding is for one year. A total of \$25,000 per year is available for Community Connections Grants.

We encourage you to be creative!

The APPLICATION will be available on February 18, 2020

APPLICATION DEADLINE is April 1st, 2020 at 5pm PST

MUST CONTACT First 5 by March 13th, 2020 if you are interested in applying

PROJECT TERM: July 1st 2020 to June 30th 2021

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

- Residents of Napa County
- At least 2 community members (non-family) who are willing to invite others to participate in the project
- People with great ideas who want to provide activities that benefit families with children ages 0-5

GRANT DEADLINES:

Application Release	Phone Call with First 5	Application Deadline	Project Duration
Mid-February	By March 13th	April 1st	July 1 st - June 30 th
Mid-August	No later than September 4th	October 1st	January 1 st - December 31st

For more information, contact:

Anne Sutkowi-Hemstreet, First 5 Napa Community Programs Manager, anne@first5napa.org, 707-257-1410

HOW TO APPLY:

1. Contact Anne Sutkowi-Hemstreet at anne@first5napa.org for application materials.
2. Find at least one other non-related people that want to do the project with you, and start brainstorming ideas.
3. Plan a project that benefits families with children ages 0-5, is committed to diversity and inclusion, and builds connections with others in the community.



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4. Choose a sponsoring agency to help support your project. *See below about sponsoring agencies.*
5. Contact First 5 no later than March 13th to submit a MANDATORY “intent to apply” statement (by email), which must include: the name of the group, a brief description of the proposed project (in 2-3 sentences), and sponsoring agency (if any).
6. Once your group discusses your idea with First 5, move on to filling out the application.
7. Submit a completed application by Wednesday, April 1st at 5pm by mail, in person or email. Postmarks will not be accepted (application must be in hand by 5pm April 1st).
8. The First 5 Napa County Commission will decide which projects to fund. You will be notified in **May 2020** if your application will be recommended for funding to begin July 2020.

SPONSORING AGENCY

A sponsoring agency can donate their time in a supportive role for your project. For example, they can review your application, help you with your ideas, or provide meeting space for your group. They can provide language support and translation. They can (but do not have to be) your fiscal agent (First 5 can be your fiscal agent). If you do not already have a sponsoring agency, First 5 can assist you in finding one. Some examples of sponsoring agencies are: Family Resource Centers, Health and Human Services, Libraries etc. Applicants must not be employees of the sponsoring agency.

FIRST 5 COMMUNITY GRANTS WILL NOT FUND:

- Businesses, schools, churches, non-profits
- Projects for families of children older than 5 years old
- Activities outside of Napa County
- Projects that do not address diversity and inclusion
- Expenses unrelated to the activities of the project
- Projects that have already been in place for over 1 year
- Wages, Salaries
- Single Events
- Travel Expenses
- Sports teams/league sponsorships

SUBMIT ALL QUESTIONS, “INTENT TO APPLY” STATEMENTS, AND COMPLETED APPLICATIONS TO:

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