



## 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 April 26th, 2021**

**APPLICATION DEADLINE is June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021 at 5pm PST**

**MUST CONTACT First 5 by May 14<sup>h</sup>, 2021 if you are interested in applying**

**PROJECT TERM: July 1<sup>st</sup> 2021 to June 30<sup>th</sup> 2022**

#### 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
- We encourage Black, LatinX, Indigenous, other People of Color, and LGBTQ community members to apply

#### GRANT DEADLINES:

Application Release	Phone Call with First 5	Application Deadline	Project Duration
Mid-April	No later than May 14 <sup>th</sup>	June 1st	July 1 <sup>st</sup> - June 30 <sup>th</sup>

#### For more information, contact:

Anne Sutkowi-Hemstreet, First 5 Napa Community Programs Manager, [anne@first5napa.org](mailto:anne@first5napa.org), 707-257-1410

#### HOW TO APPLY:

1. Contact Anne Sutkowi-Hemstreet at [anne@first5napa.org](mailto:anne@first5napa.org) for application materials and to share your project idea.
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 May 14<sup>th</sup> 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 Tuesday, June 1<sup>st</sup> at 5pm by mail, in person or email. Postmarks will not be accepted (application must be in hand by 5pm June 1<sup>st</sup>).
8. The First 5 Napa County Commission will decide which projects to fund. You will be notified by **June 30<sup>th</sup>** if your application will be recommended for funding to begin July 2021.

### 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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