



First 5 Napa Community Connections Grants (CCG) Is Your Idea a Good Fit for First 5 Funds?

Many activities for young children and their parents are highly needed. There are great ideas for projects in the community. Despite how “great” the project idea may be, First 5 Napa is limited to use these funds for community driven projects that benefit young children and/or their parents and provide opportunities to build relationships. All projects must demonstrate an active commitment to diversity and inclusion.

Requirements for funding:

- Idea is community driven (not directed by an agency)
- Community members (more than one) manage the entire project and are committed to see it through
- Activities are focused on young children and/or parents of young children (0-5 years old)
- Involves getting together regularly with other parents/families in the community to build connections
- Must have a diversity/inclusion component (e.g., focused on bringing an isolated group together or increasing the discussion and action around bias, privilege, diversity, inclusion)
- Activities take place in Napa County

Think about ideas you can do together WITH your community not just FOR your community. Below are some examples of good and “not so good” fit ideas for these funds.

NOT a Good Fit for CCG Funds	Why Not?	Good Fit for CCG Funds
A yoga class for 3-5 year olds.	Lacks parent involvement; doesn't specifically address diversity and inclusion; no clear opportunity for building relationships	Project for Spanish speaking 3-5 year olds to socialize and practice meditation and yoga with their families on a weekly basis.
An annual block party event.	Lacks opportunity to build relationships over time.	Monthly Family Fun Nights where neighbors (in a neighborhood that has fewer resources/opportunities for connections) participate in the planning and organization of meetings and events.
A non-profit agency wants to add a cultural program for young children.	Agency idea. Not community driven.	Families want to gather monthly to learn about different cultures through books, music, food, sport and more. They partner with a non-profit to provide them with space for free.



A parent book club.	Lacks a specific diversity component.	A parent book club that focuses on discussion topics of bias, racism, diversity, and inclusion or includes books by LGBTQ or people of color.
A cultural event in the community.	Lacks opportunity to build relationships.	Monthly dinners with Desi families and a cultural event hosted by those families to share their culture with our community.

First 5 Napa County wants you to experiment with ideas! We don't expect that all ideas will work. Try a creative idea out and then we can help you strategize if that doesn't seem to be working!

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