




Caswell County Partnership for Children Three Year Request for Proposals – Smart Start Activities Questions & Answers

- 1. Question:** How many grants will be provided? What is the minimum and maximum award?
Answer: The Caswell County Partnership for Children’s FY 2019-20 Smart Start Services budget is \$252,866. Of this funding, 30% must be spent on subsidy services and an additional 40% must be spent on child care related services. Currently six programs are funded. Funding ranges from \$4,931 to \$103,675.
- 2. Question:** What is the purpose of the Request for Proposals?
Answer: According to North Carolina Session Law 2015-241 §12B.9.(e), The North Carolina Partnership for Children, Inc., (NCPC) and all local partnerships shall use competitive bidding practices in contracting for goods and services. For amounts of forty thousand dollars (\$40,000) or more, a request for proposal process is required. Contractors for new and/or continuing activities must be selected through a competitive bidding process.
- 3. Question:** Is there a way to adjust budgets throughout the three-year process if needed?
Answer: Full proposals should cover the time period of July 1, 2020 – June 30, 2023. The prospective Contractor must submit a cost proposal that includes an annual budget ending June 30th for each fiscal year of the proposal period. Funding is approved on an annual basis, per fiscal year (July 1 – June 30). If approved as a service provider, the Contractor should contact CCPFC as soon as needs are identified that will require changes to the approved activity and/or budget.
- 4. Question:** Is there a long time lapse from when a change in the approved budget is identified to the actual change taking effect?
Answer: Budget changes must be approved by the Caswell County Partnership for Children’s Board of Directors and the North Carolina Partnership for Children. Contract amendments must be executed at the state and local levels prior to changes taking effect.
- 5. Question:** Have there been any inquiries from anyone interested in starting a family child care home?
Answer: The Caswell County Partnership for Children has not received any recent inquiries.

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