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**Child Safety Equipment Distribution
Request for Applications
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I. BACKGROUND

The California Department of Public Health (CDPH), Injury and Violence Prevention Branch (IVPB) is soliciting applications from eligible entities in California to request child safety equipment. This life-saving equipment is available on a one-time only basis. This opportunity includes a package of two types of equipment:

- 50-200 convertible child safety seats; and
- 50-200 booster seats

The goal of this Request for Applications (RFA) is to support efforts of local non-profit entities (e.g., government/non-government, schools/school districts, community-based organizations, Parent Teacher Associations/Parent Teacher Organizations) to:

- 1) Promote the proper use of child passenger safety seats and support California law requiring children to be secured in rear-facing car seats until the age of two (Assembly Bill 53 [Garcia, Chaptered 292, Statutes of 2015]);
- 2) Promote the use of a booster safety seat until children pass the 5 Step Test, which best determines when the vehicle seat belt fits correctly;
- 3) Disseminate these safety equipment items at no-cost for the benefit of California children up to age 18 who are from low-income families.

This RFA is funded by Preventive Health & Health Services Block Grant (PHHSBG) under IVPB's California Kids' Plates Program (Kids' Plates), which supports unintentional injury prevention efforts targeting children up to age 18. CDPH support for this equipment is contingent upon the availability of the funds.



II. AWARD INFORMATION

This RFA is for equipment only; no funds will be distributed to awardees. All safety equipment will be purchased and shipped directly to awarded applicants.

The following is a brief description of the products available:

- Convertible child safety seats:
 - Meets United States Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standards;
 - For the rear-facing position, lower weight limit is 5 pounds or less (i.e., 4 pounds) and upper weight limit is at least 40 pounds;
 - For the forward-facing position, maximum harness limit is at least 65 pounds;
 - No color/pattern preference can be made.

- Booster seats:
 - Meets United States Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standards;
 - For children 40-110 pounds and up to 57 inches;
 - Highback converts to backless;
 - No color/pattern preference can be made.

Applicants must be able to receive the requested equipment at the time of delivery, without advanced notice or special delivery options. Please note: although there is no guarantee, every effort will be made to make tracking information or shipment notification available to awardees. Applications that list a P.O. Box delivery address will be rejected.

Please give careful consideration to the timeline for distribution. Products and quantities are subject to change based on availability. Applications will be reviewed and quantities may be awarded on a first come, first served basis. Additionally, equitable geographic distribution of safety equipment may be taken into consideration.

Awardees **MUST** distribute their allotted safety equipment by June 30, 2023. Please ensure your agency (or designee) has a mechanism to adequately record the distribution of all safety equipment (target audience, type of education provided, proof of low income). All awardees will be asked to complete and return the record of distribution by June 30, 2023.

III. ELIGIBILITY INFORMATION

It is the intent of this RFA to supply safety equipment to those local non-profit entities in California with the capacity to conduct successful education and outreach. Therefore, the following is required:

- Entities distributing convertible child safety seats MUST have a Certified Child Passenger Safety Technician available to them who will provide education and demonstrate proper installation, as follows nationally recommended best practice.

All applicants must disseminate child safety equipment at no cost to children of families with low income. Examples can include, but are not limited to: provided to children from a school with 75 percent or more of students eligible for Free or Reduced Price Meals; provided to children in a census tract with mostly low income households; provided by an organization that primarily works with families with low incomes; or provided to children based on self-reporting of low income status.

IV. TIMELINE

- Application release date: Friday, September 2, 2022
- Application due date: 11:59 pm on Friday, September 16, 2022
- Award notifications (by email) begin: Wednesday, September 21, 2022
- Products distribution ETA September 2022
- Awardee distribution report deadline: June 30, 2023

V. APPLICATION

Only one (1) application may be submitted per organization/entity. The application is attached to this email.

Please contact Kate.Bernacki@cdph.ca.gov or Claudia.Angel@cdph.ca.gov with questions.

The California Department of Public Health, Injury and Violence Prevention Branch, Kids' Plates Program is pleased to be able to offer these much needed public health resources to the unintentional childhood injury prevention community. We truly value your continued interest and commitment to preventing injuries to children in California!