Date: December 28, 2020

Subject: 2020 Substance Abuse Education (SAEDR) – Category 1, Youth Focus

To: All Eligible Non-Profit Organizations

From: Michael Pennington
               Executive Director

The Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency (PCCD) announces the availability of state Substance Abuse Education and Demand Reduction (SAEDR) Funds.

PCCD is now accepting applications for funding under the state Substance Abuse Education and Demand Reduction (SAEDR) Fund. Act 198 of 2002, as amended by Act 24 of 2003, and Act 36 of 2006, establishes PCCD's responsibility for administration of the SAEDR Fund, which exists to support projects designed to educate the public about the dangers of substance abuse and/or reduce demand for these substances. The Act mandates the use of SAEDR Funds to award grants in specifically defined categories to eligible organizations.

Funding is available for nonprofit organizations to serve youth with research-based or evidence-based approaches to prevention, intervention, training, treatment, and education services to reduce substance use or provide resources to assist families in accessing these services.

Available funds are awarded through the Office of Justice Programs (OJP), Unit of Gun Violence Prevention and Violence Prevention, and will support the implementation of community-based, accessible, research-based approaches and practices in prevention, intervention, treatment, training, and education that reduce and/or eliminate youth substance abuse. Funds will also support resources that assist families/loved ones in accessing these services.

Applications are due in PCCD's Egrants System by Wednesday, February 24, 2021. Applicants that are currently receiving OJP (formerly OJJDP) funds to support their programs must cycle off that funding by July 1, 2021 to be eligible under this solicitation.

These 24-month awards will be approved at the June 9, 2021 Commission meeting, and all projects will begin on July 1, 2021. Please note that awards will be made to successful applicants contingent on the availability of SAEDR funds. For full application requirements, applicants are encouraged to read and print the narrative funding announcement and use it as a guide to complete their applications in the Egrants System.

We look forward to receiving applications under this funding opportunity, and the possibility to work with you in providing services for Pennsylvania's youth.

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Office of Justice Programs

2020 Substance Abuse Education and Demand Reduction (SAEDR) – Youth Focus
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Fiscal Year 2020/21 Solicitation

Please Note: Applications are _only_ accepted through PCCD's Egrants system. Applicants must register in Egrants prior to submitting an application. Applicants are strongly encouraged to familiarize themselves with the Egrants system and allow adequate time to prepare and submit an application.

Recommended Egrants Agency Registration Date:
February 1, 2021

Recommended Egrants User Registration Date:
February 8, 2021

Mandatory Egrants Application Deadline:
February 24, 2021

This funding guideline contains information not appearing in the Egrants application. Applicants are advised to print and review this document and refer to it while completing your Egrants application.

PCCD Program Staff may only respond to questions to clarify the funding announcement. Questions must be sent via email to: RA-PCCD-OJJDP@pa.gov with "2020 Substance Abuse Education and Demand Reduction - Youth" in the subject line. All questions regarding this funding announcement must be received by close of business on February 17, 2021. PCCD Staff will post responses to questions, as they are received, on PCCD's website. Select the appropriate funding announcement to view questions and answers.

For any technical or system questions, contact and ask for the Egrants Help Desk at (717) 787-5887 or (800) 692-7292, or by emailing RA-eGrantsSupport@pa.gov.

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Submission Requirements for Applications:

- **Scoring** – All applications received will be competitively reviewed and scored based on the applicant's adherence to the funding announcement guidelines and timely submission in the PCCD Egrants system.

- **Due Date** – Applications must be submitted electronically through PCCD's Egrants system no later than 11:59 PM on **Wednesday, February 24, 2021**.

- **Technical Assistance** – Grant application and administrative guides can be accessed on PCCD's Website under the Funding section. Applicants are strongly encouraged to review the application and administrative guides before calling the Egrants Help Desk for assistance. The Egrants Help Desk is available to assist with technical or system questions Monday through Friday until 4:00 PM and may be reached by calling (717) 787-5887 or (800) 692-7292, or by emailing RA-eGrantsSupport@pa.gov.

- **Egrants Submission** – An application submitted in Egrants by the deadline is not considered complete until PCCD has received the original signature page, as well as any other required documents. Successful applications will be presented for consideration at the June 9, 2021 Commission meeting.

- **Administrative Rejection** – An application that does not meet all the listed requirements in this funding announcement may be administratively rejected. Administrative rejection of an application WILL occur for the following:

  o Requesting more funds than the maximum amount permitted per application, in a single year or in total. See Section 2: Funding Availability for the funding limits.
  o Requesting items prohibited under Section 6: Ineligible Program Activities and Expenses.
  o Applying for more than one program in an application and/or submitting more than one application from a single applicant or for a single recipient agency. An agency may not serve as the applicant on one application and serve as the recipient agency on another application.
  o Applicants that are currently receiving OJP (formerly OJJDP) funds that do not cycle off funding by July 1, 2021.

- **Corrections** – If PCCD returns an application for corrections, the final application (including all corrections and required documents) must be returned to and approved by PCCD for the requested funding to be awarded.

- **Non–supplantation** – Funding must not be used to supplant/replace state, federal or local funds that would otherwise be available to provide for program–related services. PCCD funding is to be used in addition to other funds that are made available for services.

- **Keywords** – Applicants are required to select "Keywords" from the dropdown menu located on the Main Summary screen in Egrants. The required keywords are below. Applicants may also select other keywords that apply specifically to their application.

  Keywords: SAEDR, Evidence-Based, Research-Based, Substance Abuse, and Prevention.

> This funding announcement is to support
> prevention, intervention, training, treatment, and education for
> # YOUTH and THEIR FAMILIES.

NOTE: If you are interested in funding to serve adults, please see the <u>2020 Substance Abuse Education and Demand Reduction (SAEDR) Category 1-Adult</u> funding announcement.

1. **Overview:**

    The Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency (PCCD) is now accepting applications for funding under the state Substance Abuse Education and Demand Reduction (SAEDR) Fund. Act 198 of 2002, as amended by Act 24 of 2003, and Act 36 of 2006, establishes PCCD's responsibility for administration of the SAEDR Fund, which exists to support projects designed to educate the public about the dangers of substance abuse and/or reduce demand for these substances. The Act mandates the use of SAEDR Funds to award grants in specifically defined categories to eligible organizations.

    Funding is available for nonprofit organizations to serve youth with research-based or evidence-based approaches to prevention, intervention, training, treatment, and education services to reduce substance use or provide resources to assist families in accessing these services. Nonprofit organizations may partner with a local government unit but are not required to do so. <u>Direct awards cannot be made to governmental entities.</u>

    Available funds are awarded through the Office of Justice Programs (OJP), Unit of Gun Violence Prevention and Violence Prevention, and will support the implementation of community-based, accessible, research-based approaches and practices in prevention, intervention, treatment, training, and education that reduce and/or eliminate youth substance abuse. Funds will also support resources that assist families/loved ones in accessing these services. Preference for these funds will be given to projects that serve the needs of all impacted youth.

    The objectives and anticipated impacts of the program vary by focus and include, but are not limited to:
    *   Increase the number of projects implemented by a county opioid task force or coalition;
    *   Increase the number of available services related to reducing substance use among adults;
    *   Increase family engagement to reduce and eliminate negative behaviors;
    *   Improve youth and family decision-making regarding substance use; and
    *   Decrease substance misuse in the service area

    All projects should be designed to be self-sustaining upon the conclusion of the two-year funding period.

2. **Funding Availability:**

    PCCD will accept applications for two-year projects with budgets not to exceed $150,000 over two years. There is no cash or in-kind match requirement under this funding

announcement.

Award letters will be emailed as soon as possible after the applications are approved and will also be available in Egrants.

PCCD is not liable for costs incurred prior to the official start date of the award.

3. **Project Dates:**

Contingent upon availability of funds, applications approved at the June 9, 2021 Commission meeting will be two-year projects and have a start date of July 1, 2021 and an end date of June 30, 2023.

4. **Eligible Applicants:**

Eligibility of these funds is open to non-profit organizations to support a new project or the expansion of an existing project. Continuation projects are not eligible for funding under this solicitation. Direct awards cannot be made to governmental entities. Local school districts are considered governmental entities and therefore are not eligible applicants for these funds. However, schools may partner with non-profits on the implementation of eligible applicants' projects.

Applicants must be in good standing with PCCD to be eligible for these funds.[1] The applicant and recipient agencies' historical success in implementing PCCD-funded programs/initiatives that met their intended goals will be considered in the review process. Applicants may not be required to have a prior funding history with PCCD to be eligible.

Collaboration Requirement
- Applications submitted under this funding announcement require current and active collaboration in prevention programming by both the applicant and recipient agency (if the applicant and recipient agency are not the same) and local community stakeholders. The application must include a description of the current efforts of your local non-profit agency.
- While applying on behalf of a coalition or county is not required, applicants are strongly encouraged to work in concert with other substance abuse reduction efforts that already exist in the community to be served through this funding.

5. **Eligible Program Activities and Expenses:**

Projects for SAEDR – Youth Focus funds may be targeted locally, regionally, or statewide, if those concepts are supported by research. PCCD requires all applicants to demonstrate that the proposed program is research- or evidence-based and a proven approach. See Appendix A for a description of what research and evidence-based programs (EBPs) are, as well as links to various program databases.

All expenses must be described in the Justification box located in the Egrants Budget Detail section. PCCD has approval of all final budgets.

Detailed information regarding the standard expenses (including all required expenses) for EPISCenter-supported programs is available to guide applicants in developing their budgets. Visit http://www.episcenter.psu.edu/ebp to access this information; individual

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[1] This may include, but is not limited to, compliance with PCCD program and fiscal reporting requirements, State and Federal funding guidelines, and acceptable risk rating as determined by PCCD.

program links with budget details are provided. Applicants' budgets should adhere to these program-specific fact sheets. Any budget line items included in an application that are not listed in the program-specific fact sheets must be thoroughly explained and justified.

NOTE: Applicants seeking funds to implement an evidence-based program supported by the EPISCenter are required to coordinate and work with the EPISCenter to ensure a successful new implementation.

6.   **Ineligible Program Activities and Expenses:**

The following projects are not eligible program activities and shall be administratively rejected:
- Projects designed to educate youth, caregivers or employers about the dangers of substance abuse and to increase the awareness of the benefits of a drug-free Pennsylvania through media-related efforts that may include public service announcements, public awareness campaigns, and media literacy.
- Projects designed to educate employers, unions, and employees about the dangers of substance abuse in the workplace and to provide comprehensive drug-free workplace programs and technical resources for businesses, including, but not limited to, training for working parents to keep their children drug-free.

The following programs are not eligible for funding and shall be administratively rejected:
- Program continuation (i.e., sustaining an existing program);
- Support for existing Communities that Care sites; or
- Support to begin a new CTC implementation.

The following items are not eligible for funding and shall be administratively rejected:
- land acquisition;
- routine supply purchases;
- food refreshments at planning meetings; or
- funding personnel not deemed by PCCD to be integral to the program's implementation.

NOTE: Funds may be used for snacks/meals/refreshments for participants if required by the particular program.

PCCD will determine whether each expense is appropriately explained and justified, and will have final approval of all budget requests.

7.   **Required Egrants Sections/Documents:**

a.   Required Egrants Sections – All sections identified in Egrants are required. Applicants will not be able to submit their grant application in Egrants until all sections are marked as complete.

b.   Required Signed Documents – A successful application must be accompanied by the following:
- The original, completed Signature Page (page 2 of the application);
- Letter(s) of Support from partnering entities, if any;
- Letter(s) of Commitment from partnering entities, if any.

Upload all required signed documents to the Required Attachments section in Egrants.

An electronic signature such as Adobe Sign is acceptable, as well as an original handwritten signature that is scanned and emailed.

8. **Scoring:**

Applicants must submit the requested information for each section specified below within the defined response fields provided in Egrants. Responses should not be duplicated in multiple sections. Provide only the requested information. The maximum number of characters allowed for each text box is listed next to the question. When asked to enter the title of your project, include the name of the program for which you are seeking funding (if applicable).

In addition to reviewer ratings, considerations for award recommendations and decisions to fund may include, but are not limited to: underserved populations, past performance by the applicant/recipient (including adherence to all PCCD reporting requirements), geographic diversity, strategic priorities, and available funding.

The following application sections in Egrants have a point value associated with them and will be scored as described below:

a. **Executive Summary – Maximum of 5 points**
This section is meant to provide reviewers with an overall description of why the applicant is requesting SAEDR Funds. Please provide an overview of your proposed project by discussing the following:
- What is the name of the agency/organization applying for funding?
- Describe your agency's experience implementing substance abuse prevention programming to youth and their families/loved ones. *(Limited to five sentences)*
- Identify the eligible evidence/research-based program you plan to implement.
- Has your agency (either as the applicant or recipient agency) received PCCD funding in the past OR is your agency currently receiving PCCD funding? Please provide Grant IDs, if applicable.

Please utilize the following script and copy and paste it into the executive summary section:

The ___*name of applicant*___ is requesting $_____ to [*provide a single sentence or two of what you are seeking to implement with your grant funding*]. These funds will be used for the following: [*provide bullet points of what the funds will be used for*].

NOTE: A letter(s) of support (LOS) from any local partners should be attached in the Required Attachments section in Egrants.

b. **Statement of Problem – Maximum of 20 points**
This section establishes the locally identified problem the applicant is seeking to address and how the problem was identified.
- State the problem and how it was identified. Provide supporting data/facts/figures specific to the project and relevant to the problem and request. **Include data specific to the geographic area the project will serve and compare this data to other available state, local, and/or national data elements.**
- Include supporting documentation where appropriate. Applicants may elect to consult and utilize data and information available via the resources below.

Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration - *2019 National Survey of Drug Use and Health (NSDUH) Releases* provides background regarding drug use nationally and includes a break-down of data by demographic characteristics (age, race, gender). https://www.samhsa.gov/data/release/2019-national-survey-drug-use-and-health-nsduh-releases

Commonwealth of Pennsylvania - *OpenDataPA* provides *estimations* of individuals with substance use disorder (not including alcohol use disorder) and overdose deaths by county. The estimations presented covers 2012-2018; therefore, agencies seeking more recent and/or final data will want to visit overdosefreepa (link below). https://data.pa.gov/stories/s/Pennsylvania-Opioids/9q45-nckt/

PA Opioid Overdose Reduction Technical Assistance Center – OverdoseFreePA provides data and connections to training and local resources. https://www.overdosefreepa.pitt.edu/

Drug Enforcement Administration Bulletin (Philadelphia Division) - *Drug-Related Overdose Deaths in Pennsylvania, 2018* provides reporting and analysis of Pennsylvania overdose deaths in 2018. https://www.dea.gov/sites/default/files/2019-10/PRB%20FINAL%20--%20BUL-132-19%20Drug-Related%20Overdose%20Deaths%20in%20Pennsylvania,%202018.pdf

Pennsylvania Youth Survey (PAYS) – Survey of school students in the 6th, 8th, 10th, and 12th grades to learn about their behavior, attitudes, and knowledge concerning alcohol, tobacco, other drugs, and violence. https://www.pccd.pa.gov/Juvenile-Justice/Pages/Pennsylvania-Youth-Survey-(PAYS).aspx

c. **Project Description & Implementation – Maximum 30 points**
This section establishes that the applicant has made the connection between the problem to be addressed and the eligible program selected to address it.
- Provide a brief description of your selected program and include a description of the evidence behind it that shows it is considered to be evidence- or research-based.
- Using a S.M.A.R.T. (Specific, Measurable, Attainable, Relevant, Timebound) goal formatting approach, what are the goal(s) of this project?
- Describe the geographic location of the implementation (urban, suburban, rural, countywide, a specific school district, neighborhood, or community, etc.)
- Describe the target population (race, ethnicity, age, gender, etc.) of the youth/families your programming will serve.
- Describe the referral process to recruit participants.
- Describe how project staff will be trained on the model you plan to implement.
- Describe the number of youth and/or families to be served.
  - How many cohorts will run during each year of the grant?
  - Provide details on the program timeframe, including the program frequency/dosage.
  - Estimated cost per youth and/or family served.
- For universal, school-based implementations, even if implementing virtually (otherwise enter "NA"):
  - Describe how you obtained buy-in from all necessary school officials (administrators, building principals, teachers, etc.)
  - Specify the grades and exact school buildings where the programming will be implemented.

NOTE: Attach all letters of support (LOS). If a school-based implementation is planned, this application must include a letter of support by the district superintendent and the principal of the school(s). LOS should be individualized, detailing exactly what the individual or organization is committed to do to support the implementation of this program.

   d. **Impacts and Outcomes – Maximum 15 points**
   This section establishes that the applicant has a clear understanding of the intent of the program selected, and has established a reasonable method for collecting measurable success/impact related data.
   - Describe the measurable impact of the proposed project and how that impact will be measured.
   - Describe the data collection procedures.
     o What data will be collected?
     o How and when will the data be collected?
     o Who will be responsible for the collection of the data?
     o How and by whom will the data be analyzed?
   - How, when, and at what frequency will the program impacts and outcomes be shared with collaborative boards, stakeholders, community members, and referral sources?
   - How will fidelity to the program model be monitored and evaluated?
     o What internal quality assurance processes will be used to monitor the implementation of this project?
     o What are the fidelity monitor's qualifications, specific to the program being implemented?

NOTE: All applicants requesting funds for EBPs supported by the EPISCenter are required to use the EPISCenter performance measures spreadsheet, and to accept training and technical assistance from the EPISCenter. <u>Applicants must state they accept this requirement.</u>
   - This includes the completion and submission of an Outcome Data Report in Year Two, Quarter Four. The report must include outcomes data from initial implementation through the third quarter of Year Two. EPISCenter staff will provide the reporting template.
   - In Year Two, prior to the third quarter, a verification of Program Fidelity is also required in collaboration with the EPISCenter and the Program Developer.

Please see http://www.episcenter.psu.edu/ebp for a list of EPISCenter-supported programs.

   e. **Budget Detail – Maximum of 15 points**
   In this section, the applicant must provide a reasonable and accurate budget that is directly related to the proposed project.

   The applicant must provide a justification in the Budget Detail section explaining the relationship between the budgeted expenditures and the proposed operation of the project. All costs must be broken out as separate line items that include the computations used to arrive at those amounts. Any costs deemed by PCCD to be non-essential to the success of the project may be removed.

   Detailed information regarding standard expenses (including all <u>required</u> expenses) for EBPs supported by the EPISCenter can be found at:
   http://www.episcenter.psu.edu/ebp.

   All Applications Must:
   - Provide a two-year comprehensive budget consisting of one complete budget for each year for which funding is being requested.

- Provide a clear and thorough description and calculation for all requested costs, including salary and benefits.
- List each benefit as a separate line item (e.g., FICA taxes and health insurance should be listed separately).
- Adjust personnel hours and time dedicated if the project will not be offered during the summer.

If working with the EPISCenter:
- Visit http://episcenter.psu.edu/ebp for specific information for each of the eligible programs supported by the EPISCenter and to see the cost of items necessary for delivering the program.

Budgets can include up to $1,000 to defray the cost of up to two staff to attend the Commonwealth Prevention Alliance (CPA) Conference, in June 2022 and 2023, in State College. PCCD recognizes the amount listed may not be sufficient to cover all expenses to attend the CPA Conference. Funding is intended to encourage participation and alleviate the burden on grantees for the full costs to attend the event.

PCCD has final approval of all budgets. After the competitive process is completed, successful applicants should expect PCCD Staff to engage with them in finalizing budgets, which could include a requirement for the elimination or addition of budgeted items or a change in the overall amount requested. Submitted budgets that include non-essential costs will have points deducted from their score. Please refer to the PCCD Applicant's Manual for more information about eligible costs.

f. **Sustainability - Maximum of 15 points**
This section establishes that the applicant understands that PCCD funding is limited and intended to support the essential items and tasks associated with starting an eligible program. Applicants enter this process with the understanding that planning to sustain the program beyond PCCD grant funding is vital.
- How might this project continue once the grant funds end?
- Identify possible sources of financial support with whom you currently or plan to work with to sustain the program after PCCD funding ends.
- Identify the key individuals within your organization who have been and will be responsible for sustainability planning of this project.
  - Describe the steps these individuals will take to secure the necessary funding and community support needed to sustain the program.
- PCCD looks for funded projects to make connections with county stakeholders to coordinate with other existing projects. Describe any existing connections you have with county stakeholders (including CJAB, CYF, JPO, SCA, and/or MH/IDD); if you do not currently have these connections, discuss the efforts you will make to establish these connections.

NOTE: Applications with attached **Letters of Commitment** for sustainability funding will receive higher ratings. Concrete commitments will be awarded more points by reviewers. Applicants are strongly encouraged to connect with your local Children and Youth Services Administrator about the possibility of being included in the County Needs Based Budget (NBB).

9. **Performance Measures:**

Under this funding announcement, successful applicants are required to comply with all reporting, data collection, and evaluation requirements as prescribed by PCCD and federal or state guidelines. This includes the requirement of submitting quarterly program and fiscal reports to PCCD via the Egrants system.

Subgrant recipients seeking funds for a program supported by the EPISCenter must report on program-specific measures in coordination with the EPISCenter. The measures must be attached to each quarterly program report utilizing the data tools provided to the grantees by the EPISCenter. Technical assistance from the EPISCenter Implementation Specialists will be provided.

Subgrant recipients seeking funds to implement programs that are not supported by the EPISCenter must develop performance measures specifically related to the activities outlined in their application and will be required to track and report on all measures in the quarterly program report. PCCD's OJP Staff may choose to add additional performance measures as appropriate.

10. **Competitive Bidding/Sole Source Procurement:**

    All procurement transactions shall be conducted in a manner that provides open and free competition. Grant recipients must follow the Procurement Standards section in PCCD's Applicant's Manual.

    Procurements by noncompetitive proposal are strongly discouraged and must demonstrate an economic benefit or lack of alternate resources to be justified. If a request is made, the prospective applicant must identify the request as a procurement by noncompetitive proposal and provide a substantial justification for the request within their funding request (See PCCD's Applicant's Manual for Procurement by Noncompetitive Proposal Approval Procedure).

11. **Administrative Requirements:**

    a. Egrants Agency and User Registration:
       Prior to submitting a grant application, both the applicant agency and at least two users from the applicant agency must be registered in Egrants. Applicants are strongly advised to allow adequate time to work on application documents in Egrants prior to the submission deadline. Please go to the Registering in Egrants page on PCCD's website for further information.

    b. Fiscal Accountability:
       See the Fiscal Accountability page on PCCD's website for further information.

    c. Time and Effort Reporting:
       See the Time and Effort Reports page on PCCD's website for further information.

    d. Grant Payments:
       - Payments will not be released until all applicable special conditions on the grant award have been satisfied.
       - All grantees are required, at a minimum, to submit quarterly fiscal reports. PCCD will only make payments to reimburse actual expenditures reported on the fiscal reports. An agency experiencing cash flow problems may submit fiscal reports monthly and PCCD will reimburse reported expenditures. Non-submission or late submission of the required reports will result in payment delays.
       - ACH Payments:
         ° All payments to grant recipients will be made through ACH.
         ° Either before or at the time an application is submitted to PCCD, the applicant agency must register as a Non-Procurement Vendor with the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

e. Reporting Requirements:
  - Programmatic reports are due quarterly.
  - Fiscal reports are due quarterly.
  - Late submission of programmatic and fiscal reports may delay payments.
  - All reports must be submitted through the Egrants system.

f. Information Technology (IT) Project Conditions:
  PCCD is required to include subgrant conditions for grants that will fund IT projects. These conditions are mandated to ensure compatibility with state and federal IT standards and requirements. View these IT Conditions on PCCD's website.

12. **PCCD Contact Information and Resources:**

a. Staff Contacts:
  Staff are only able to clarify the funding announcement and are not able to answer any questions about how a potential applicant should respond to any particular section. Questions regarding this funding announcement should be directed as follows:
  - E-mail your funding announcement questions to RA-PCCD-OJJDP@pa.gov with "2020 Substance Abuse Education and Demand Reduction - Youth" in the subject line.
  - Questions must be received by close of business on Wednesday, February 17, 2021.
  - All questions and answers will be posted under this funding announcement title on the Funding Announcement Q&A page of the PCCD website.

b. Egrants Funding Announcement:
  Log into the Egrants system and search under the "Funding Announcement" tab for "2020 Substance Abuse Education and Demand Reduction – Youth".

c. PCCD Guidelines and Documents:
  Applicants should be familiar with the Applicant's Manual, Standard Subgrant Conditions, and other documents common to PCCD's grant application process, all of which are available on the Grant Information page of the PCCD website. Additionally, grant application and administrative guides can be accessed on PCCD's Website under the Funding link.

d. Egrants Technical Questions:
  For any technical or system questions, contact and ask for the Egrants Help Desk at (717) 787-5887 or (800) 692-7292, or by emailing RA-eGrantsSupport@pa.gov.

  Please note: While applications may be submitted through Egrants until 11:59 PM of the due date, Help Desk staff are only available until 4:00 PM, Monday through Friday.

e. PCCD Webmaster:
  Please address any technical problems you may have with the website or online forms to the PCCD Web Master.

f. Reporting Potential Fraud, Waste and Abuse:
  Information about waste, fraud, abuse, conflict of interest, bribery, gratuity, or other similar misconduct, or whistleblower reprisal relating to a PCCD employee, program, contract or grant, may be reported to the PCCD Fraud Hotline at (717) 525-5031. For more information, visit the Reporting Fraud, Waste and Abuse page on PCCD's website.
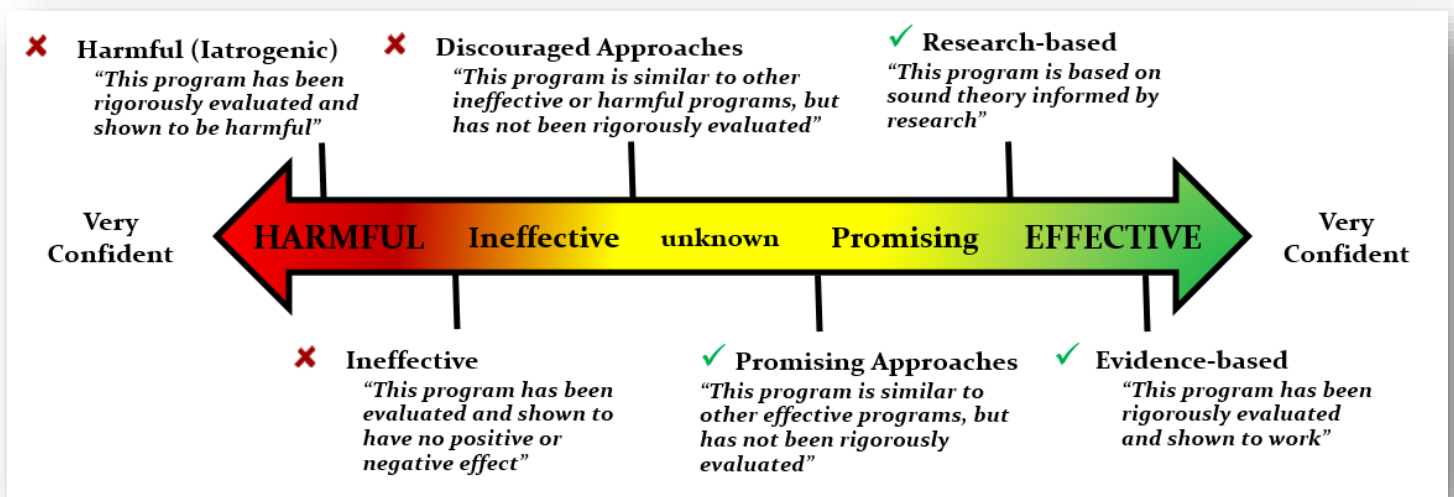
13. **Submission Information:**

The application must be submitted in Egrants **no later than <u>February 24, 2021</u> by 11:59 PM.**

The signature page (page 2 of the application) must attached to the Required Attachments section of the application upon submission.

The Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency is an equal opportunity employer.

What Do We Mean When We Say a Program is "Evidence-based"?

Prevention scientists rate programs along a continuum of confidence:

✗ **Harmful (Iatrogenic)**
"This program has been rigorously evaluated and shown to be harmful"

✗ **Discouraged Approaches**
"This program is similar to other ineffective or harmful programs, but has not been rigorously evaluated"

✓ **Research-based**
"This program is based on sound theory informed by research"

Very Confident

HARMFUL · Ineffective · unknown · Promising · EFFECTIVE

Very Confident

✗ **Ineffective**
"This program has been evaluated and shown to have no positive or negative effect"

✓ **Promising Approaches**
"This program is similar to other effective programs, but has not been rigorously evaluated"

✓ **Evidence-based**
"This program has been rigorously evaluated and shown to work"

Bumbarger & Rhoades, 2012

Researchers examine research studies to determine whether a program:

- ✓ Demonstrated effectiveness in rigorous scientific evaluations including randomized control trials.
- ✓ Was assessed in large studies with diverse populations or through multiple replications by independent researchers (not the developer of the model)
- ✓ Resulted in significant and sustained effects for a minimum of 6 months, post program.

Programs that meet all three of these criteria tend to fall in the green, evidence-based end of the continuum.

How to Identify Highly Rated Evidence-based Programs

Several websites have already done the work of reviewing research studies and rating programs' effectiveness. Consult these resources to ensure that the programs you want to implement will be effective.

Rating Source	Area of Focus	Website
Blueprints for Healthy Youth Development	Child welfare, juvenile justice	http://blueprintsprograms.org/
California Evidence-Based Clearinghouse for Child Welfare	Child welfare	http://www.cebc4cw.org/
CrimeSolutions.gov	Criminal justice	http://www.crimesolutions.gov/
What Works Clearinghouse	Education	http://www.ies.ed.gov/ncee/wwc/
What Works in Reentry Clearinghouse	Criminal justice	https://whatworks.csgjusticecenter.org/

One particularly useful clearinghouse is the **PEW Charitable Trusts Results First Clearinghouse Database**. This is a one stop shop for accessing the many lists of evidence-based programs.

1. Go To: http://www.pewtrusts.org/en/multimedia/data-visualizations/2015/results-first-clearinghouse-database

2. Type in the key words for the program or type of program you are looking for

3. Compare ratings across various clearinghouses to determine which programs are rated most highly, most frequently.

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