

OVERVIEW

New Futures is excited to announce a new Field Grant opportunity to early childhood coalition partners and others. Through our work in advocacy, New Futures has come to understand that the early childhood field is particularly challenged by funding restrictions, often preventing meaningful participation in policy and advocacy efforts. By providing small field grants and advocacy stipends, New Futures hopes to increase participation and engagement from regional partners, increasing the profile of early childhood issues across the state.

New Futures invites partner organizations and individuals to submit applications for two Field Grant opportunities for the 2020 legislative session. Field Grants will be awarded to support two categories of advocacy in the 2020 legislative session, (1) Coalition Participation and (2) Individual Advocacy.

Field Grants will provide funding to allow partners and individuals to directly participate in state level advocacy and lobbying activities around identified early childhood policy priorities.

Coalition Participation Grants

New Futures will award Coalition Field Grants up to \$1,500 per *organization* per legislative session to support direct advocacy and lobbying efforts. Field Grants will be accepted, awarded, and disbursed in two rounds to coincide with key timeframes of the New Hampshire legislative session. Funds will be released in two payments, the first in early January and again just after crossover in March.

Coalition Grants are unrestricted funds and are intended to elevate an organization's engagement in advocacy. Participation in advancing coalition priorities is required.

Advocacy Field Grants

New Futures will award Advocacy Grants to *individuals* on a rolling basis to support participation in advocacy. These grants may be used to support participation in an advocacy training, travel to attend a hearing, childcare costs, and other expenses related to advocacy. These funds **cannot be used** to pay an advocate for time spent lobbying but can be used to

offset other expenses which become barriers to participation. Organizations may refer volunteers, members of the public, or their own advocates for these field grants.

APPLICATION DEADLINES

Applications for Round 1 of Coalition Participation grants are due by **11:59PM on Dec 31, 2019**. Grantees will be notified on or around **January 5, 2020**.

Applications for Round 2 of Coalition Participation grants are due by **11:59 PM on Feb 28, 2020**. Grantees will be notified on or around **March 6, 2020**.

Applications for Individual Advocacy Field Grants have no deadline and will be accepted on a **rolling basis as needed** beginning on December 31, 2019.

Eligibility for Coalition Participation Grants

To apply your organization must be a non-for-profit entity or a 501(c)(3) non-profit.

Grantee Expectations

If awarded a Coalition Participation Grant, the Grantee is expected to participate in the following activities:

- Attend and actively participate in New Futures' monthly Early Childhood Advocacy Table;
- Attend a New Futures Advocacy Training or, if preferred, coordinate for one to be provided by New Futures at your organization;
- Engage in at least two of the following advocacy activities;
 - Write and submit letters to the editor on early childhood priorities
 - Write and submit written and oral testimony at hearings on bills related to early childhood priorities
 - Attend in-district hearings in regional areas
 - Attend one on one meetings with key stakeholders, or
 - Attend and participate in legislative breakfasts and other events

Failure to actively engage in advocacy activities without cause may result in ineligibility for second round or future funding.

WHAT FIELD GRANTS DO NOT SUPPORT

- Projects that don't align or intersect with early childhood priorities
- Supports for individuals that do not relate to advocacy activities

Application for Coalition Participation

Applications should be formatted as outlined below and include all referenced materials. Your completed application should be directed and sent to:

Rebecca Woitkowski
Kids Count Policy Coordinator
[New Futures](#) Kids Count
100 North Main Street, 4th Floor | Concord, NH
rwoitkowski@new-futures.org

Emailed applications are preferred

Please place the following in the title of the email Organization **Coalition Participation Application, Your Organization's Name.**

1. CONTACT INFORMATION

- Please choose one person as a Lead Contact and one Financial Contact, provide all relevant contact information

2. SIGNED STATEMENT OF COMMITMENT

- Please fill out and included a signed copy of the Statement of Commitment

3. STATEMENT OF NEED/PLAN OF ACTION

- Briefly describe why your organization would benefit from a field grant and include in your response answers to these questions:
 - i. Why does your organization need a field grant for coalition participation activities?
 - ii. How do your 2020 priorities align with New Futures mission and/or the work of the Early Childhood coalition?
 - iii. How do you envision using the funds during the 2020 legislative session?
- Please indicate the amount you are seeking and if you are seeking support in both rounds of funds disbursement. A maximum of \$1,500 per organization per legislative session may be awarded.

4. OTHER DOCUMENTATION

- If Approved, we will ask for:
 - i. IRS 501 3(c) determination letter or certificate of good standing
 - ii. Board Member list
 - iii. W-9

Eligibility for Individual Advocacy Grants

To apply the individual must be a New Hampshire resident experiencing a barrier to civic engagement or participation.

Application for Individual Advocacy

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Please place the following in the title of the email Organization Individual Advocacy, Your Full Name.

1. CONTACT INFORMATION

- Please include contact information for primary contact or recipient

2. SIGNED STATEMENT OF COMMITMENT

- Please fill out and included a signed copy of the Statement of Commitment

2. STATEMENT OF NEED (not to exceed 300 words)

- Briefly describe individual need, amount of funds requested (or specific support requested i.e. gas card, childcare, etc.), and specific advocacy action this will support (i.e. attending an advocacy training or event, attending a bill hearing, etc.)

STATEMENT OF COMMITMENT

I, _____, fully commit to use Field Grant funds to support advocacy efforts for myself and/or my organization and further agree to engaged in the advocacy activities outlined in the Field Grant application and found within my statement of need.

Printed Name

Date

Signed Name

Date