



Request for Proposal Announcement

CONNECT: Partnership for Nonprofit Services (a program of Orangewood Children's Foundation) is pleased to announce a request for competitive proposals to receive technical and/or financial assistance sub-award grants through the Orange County Capacity Building program (OCCBP).

Key Dates

October 19, 2010

RFP & instructions available at:

http://www.connectoc.net/OCCBP_RFP.asp

November 9, 2010

Bidder's Conference

8:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

740 N. Eckhoff Rm. 1007

Orange, California 92868

December 8, 2010

**Proposals due at Orangewood Children's
Foundation**

January 4, 2010

Awards Announced

Submittal Information

All Proposals for OCCBP Sub-Award Grants shall be received **before** Wednesday, **December 8, 2010**, by 5:00 p.m. at Orangewood Children's Foundation (OCF) located at 1575 East 17th Street, Santa Ana, California 92705. Delinquent proposals (**no matter the cause**) will not be considered for funding. Mailed proposals received after the deadline will not be accepted. All proposals received will be provided a receipt for their submission.

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Program Overview

The Orange County Capacity Building Program (OCCBP), is a partnership between OCF, CONNECT, Children and Families Commission of Orange County, Families and Communities Together (FaCT), Orange County's Workforce Investment Boards and ONEOC (Formerly Volunteer Center of Orange County) and is funded through the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' Strengthening Community Fund, created by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA). Orangewood Children's Foundation (OCF) OCCBP's lead agency was awarded a \$1,000,000, two-year grant to provide capacity building services through free workshops, technical and/or financial assistance sub-award grants administered through CONNECT.

OCCBP is designed to strengthen community and faith-based organizations through capacity building services to improve their ability to provide workforce development, job readiness and support services to low-income individuals and families in distressed communities. Capacity Building is provided to eligible organizations under 3 tiers. Each participating organization will be assigned as a Tier (1, 2, or 3) to determine the level of capacity building services they receive during the grant cycle. All organizations completing OCCBP's online Eligibility Questionnaire and that meet the minimum requirements will be designated as a Tier 1 participant. Tier 2 and 3 participants are determined through the competitive RFP process and designated by the grant review committee to receive a sub-award grant for technical and/or financial assistance. Financial assistance grants will range from \$20,000 to \$50,000 and are not to exceed 20 percent of a recipients FY 2010/2011 budget or \$50,000 whichever is less.

Overview of OCCBP Capacity Building Tiers	
Organizational Participation Designation	Capacity Building Services Provided
Tier 1 – Cohort <i>(All Organizations meeting minimum eligibility requirements)</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Capacity Building Workshops • Training Scholarships
Tier 2 – Leadership Network <i>(Organizations chosen through a competitive bidding process to receive more intensive capacity building services)</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Capacity Building Workshops • Training Scholarships • Online Organizational Assessments • Monthly Learning Group Sessions • Limited One-on-one TA
Tier 3 – Project Partners <i>(Organizations chosen through a competitive bidding process to receive more intensive capacity building services and funding to implement their proposed project)</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Capacity Building Workshops • Training Scholarships • COAT Assessment • Monthly Learning Group Sessions • One-on-One TA • Financial Assistance

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Organizations Eligible to Apply Shall Meet the Following Minimum Requirements

1. Physically located in OC and provides services to at least one of the eight targeted cities:

Anaheim	Buena Park	Fullerton	Garden Grove
La Habra	Santa Ana	Stanton	Westminster
2. Operate as a non-profit and be able to provide proof:
3. Faith-based organizations with at least one secular service program
4. Currently providing or expanding to provide at least one of the following services assisting low-to-moderate income individuals and families:
 - a. Secure and retain employment
 - b. Job readiness and retention training
 - c. Education/training
 - d. Job retraining or training for new job skills
 - e. Increased access to the State and Federal benefits and tax credits
 - f. Support services related to securing and retaining employment

Important: Capacity Building Grants are not intended to provide funding for direct services. Requests for funding must not include any of the following:

- Pre-award costs
- Direct services
- Medical services
- Fundraising activities
- Construction activities or the purchase of property
- Inherently religious activities

OCCBP Funding Priorities

Organizations meeting the below funding priorities will be given bonus points in the proposal review process.

- Providing services to families receiving TANF funds (Temporary Assistance for Needy Families)
- Small grassroots organizations with annual operating budgets under \$500,000.

CONNECT/OCCBP Contact Information:

To Register as an Eligible Organization: <http://www.connectoc.net/eligibility.asp>

For More Information: www.CONNECTOC.net

OCCBP Email: occbp@connectoc.net

Staff Contact: Project Manager, April Alvarez: aalvarez@connectoc.net or 714/704-89206