



International Community Access to Child Health (ICATCH) Call for Proposals

2023-2026 Grant Cycle
(Funding period: July 1, 2023-June 30, 2026)

3-Year grants for programs improving child health in low- and lower-middle-income countries (\$2000 per year for 3 years; total, \$6000)

Welcome to the ICATCH 2023 Grant Cycle Call for Proposals!

Deadline for preliminary applications: Friday, December 9, 2022
Deadline for full applications (invitation only): Friday, March 10, 2023

International Community Access to Child Health (ICATCH) is a grant program of the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) Section on Global Health. ICATCH grants are designed for pediatricians and other health workers in low- and lower-middle income countries who need financial and advisory support to plan and implement a project or program that

- provides clinical care to children or adolescents;
- provides health education for children, adolescents, or parents; or
- provides training for health care providers treating infants, children, and/or adolescents.

Please note:

- ICATCH does not fund research projects, surveys, or assessments. Our focus is on providing clinical services and health training.
- *We discourage one-time training.* If you are considering one-time training for health workers at different sites, consider instead training at fewer sites or even just one site, with repeated follow-up reinforcement training and assessments of effectiveness.
- An important requirement is that projects work with one or more community partners, such as hospitals or clinics, nongovernmental organizations, local governments agencies, schools, or faith-based groups. Such collaborative partnerships help ensure sustainability of the project goals beyond the 3-year grant period, which is encouraged and expected.
- Prior to developing an ICATCH proposal, applicants should ensure that the program is needed and will be supported by the community. Those who will be carrying out the activities of the program should be involved in the proposal planning from the very beginning. We do not fund proposals in which those leading the initiative are not directly involved and invested in the target community.



Proposal Requirements

For this grant cycle, we are accepting proposals in the following areas:

1. **Physical or Developmental Disabilities in Children**

Including developmental delay, early childhood development, or physical disabilities that are congenital or acquired (e.g., blindness, deafness, cerebral palsy, impairment following conditions such as cerebral malaria or head trauma, or seizure disorder).

Note: We will *not* fund proposals that only carry out screening for disabilities; projects that include screening must also include treatment or therapy for the disability.

2. **Childhood or Adolescent Mental Health**

For children of preschool age up to age 21 years.

3. **Newborn Health**

Projects must focus on the newborn period and can follow infants up to 6 months of age.

Note: We will *not* fund proposals in this area that target only pregnant women or infants older than 6 months of age.

4. **Nutrition/Malnutrition**

For infants 6 months and older through people aged 21 years. This includes both community-based and hospital-based programs.

5. **Care of Hospitalized Children**

For infants through people aged 21 years. This includes both community-based and hospital-based programs.

We will accept only *one* preliminary application per nongovernmental organization or community group. We can accept more than one application from academic institutions and hospitals if the projects are different and submitted by different persons.

Projects must be carried out in a low- or lower-middle income country. Please refer to [this map](#) or [this list](#) on the World Bank website to determine if your country is eligible.

ICATCH funding cannot be used for research projects. However, quality improvement projects can be an appropriate use of ICATCH funds.

A project director and a project codirector must be listed on the proposal. The project director must live and work in or near the community where the services and/or training will be offered. The project codirector may live elsewhere or in another country, provided the person will be actively involved in the project for all 3 years of funding.

Note: Project leaders should ensure that the others involved in carrying out project activities

- 1) are part of the initial planning and application process,
- 2) support the program, and
- 3) feel that this work is needed in their community.

For example, if you will be working with community health workers, or teachers, or nurses you should confirm their interest and ability to participate now and *seek their input* in this early planning stage. *Such partners must agree to participate before the preliminary application is submitted.* Consider enlisting one such individual as a codirector for the proposal, if appropriate.



A portion of the ICATCH grant can be used for project-related planning, with a maximum planning period of the first 6 months. However, project service or training activities must begin after the first 6 months (i.e., by the end of December 2023).

The Preliminary Application will ask for a brief but detailed budget. Note that ICATCH funds *cannot be used for salary or honoraria for the project director or codirector or international travel*.

Who Can Submit a Preliminary Application

Preliminary applications are accepted from pediatricians, as well as from other medical doctors, surgeons, nurses, midwives, health workers, social workers, dentists, physical therapists, or anyone who provides health care or health education for children and youths, such as teachers or community health workers.

How Preliminary Applications Will Be Evaluated

Preliminary applications are evaluated by the ICATCH review team made up of a diverse group of 30 pediatricians. Proposals are judged on these criteria:

- Fit with the ICATCH mission of helping local health workers or educators improve child health in their communities, using collaboration with at least one other community agency or partner group.
- The impact on the health and well-being of children in the local community.
- How clearly the application questions are answered, particularly descriptions of project goals and activities.
- The project's potential for completion within the 3-year time period.
- The sustainability and possible scale-up and/or replication in other communities to impact more children and families.

Preliminary applications that receive highest scores from reviewers will be invited to submit a full application.

Informational Webinar on Proposal-Writing

Join us for a one-hour webinar with tips for successful grant writing. This information session will offer insights into proposal development, grant writing, and what ICATCH is looking for. All prospective applicants and interested individuals are welcome.

Date: Wednesday, November 16, 2022

Time: 9:00 AM Central Standard Time (3:00 PM UTC, 4:00 PM West Africa Time, 6:00 PM East Africa Time, and 8:30 PM Indian Standard Time).

[Register here.](#)

How To Submit a Proposal to ICATCH

Step 1:

Carefully read this call for proposals to make sure your idea qualifies.

Step 2:

Create an AAP individual account at [the AAP Grants webpage](#). All applicants need an AAP individual account to apply. **You must create an *individual* account (not an organization account).**

Applicants do not need to be AAP members. AAP members can use their existing AAP account information.

Step 3:

After you create an account, return to [the AAP Grants webpage](#) and log in to access the ICATCH preliminary application on SurveyMonkey Apply.

If you have technical problems, please email Ms. Sophia Newman, ICATCH staff member at the AAP, at icatch@aap.org right away, as it may take a few days to correct the issue. Don't wait until the last minute to submit your preliminary application.

The deadline for preliminary applications is Friday, December 9, 2022, at 11:59 PM US Central Standard Time (Chicago, Illinois, USA; equivalent to UTC -6 hours), which is December 10, 2022, at 5:59 AM UTC, 6:59 AM West Africa Time, 8:59 AM East Africa Time, and 11:29 AM Indian Standard Time.

Step 4:

If you do not receive a confirmatory email from SurveyMonkey Apply stating that your preliminary application has been received, please contact ICATCH at icatch@aap.org.

Step 5:

Look for an email from ICATCH in late January 2023 to learn whether you have been selected to submit a full application for ICATCH funding.

For those selected to submit a full application, further instructions will be provided at that time, and the deadline for full applications will be in early March 2023. Funding announcements will be sent out in late May 2023, and funding for Year 1 will be available in mid-July 2023.

Questions & Additional Information

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