

International Community Access to Child Health (ICATCH)

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Agenda

- Welcome!
- Overview of ICATCH Program
- Introduction to the ICATCH grant application
- Tips for success
- Working with your ICATCH application advisor
- Q&A

ICATCH Program Overview

- Initiated in 2005 as a program of the American Academy of Pediatrics Section on International Child Health (now Section on Global Health).
- Provides small grant funding and technical support to child health providers in low and low-middle income countries.
- Supports projects that develop or expand training or services that improve child health in local communities.
- Funds grants of \$2000/year for 3 years along with project mentorship, educational resources and peer support.





Key Requirements for ICATCH Funded Projects

- Be Local
- Be Collaborative
- Improve Child Health
- Be Sustainable

Cambodia



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Uganda



Liberia



Nicaragua



Cambodia



Bangladesh



Uganda



Introduction to the ICATCH Grant application

ICATCH grants seek to

- Improve education/training of child health providers or
- Improve clinical care or access to services for children and adolescents or
- Provide health education for parents, children and adolescents

<https://grants.aap.org/>

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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

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.

Community Support

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.



Community Partners

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.



Engage Partners Now

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 co-director for the proposal, if appropriate.



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.

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.

ICATCH Preliminary Application for 2023-2026 Grant Cycle

Country:

Select from dropdown list

Project Director:

Last name (family name/surname)

First name (given name)

Email address

Project Codirector:

Last name (family name/surname)

First name (given name)

Email address

Person completing preliminary application:

Full name

Email address

If you are not the director or codirector, please identify where you are, your profession, and your relationship to the project. **(Maximum Word Count 50 words)**

We have read the Call for Proposals:

Yes or No (if you click no, then a pop-up with link to call for proposals that says you must read before continuing)

Please indicate the category of your proposal:

- Physical or Developmental Disabilities in Children
- Childhood or Adolescent Mental Health
- Newborn Health
- Nutrition/Malnutrition
- Care of Hospitalized Children

Project title, describing what your project will do and where it will take place:

(Maximum 8-10 words)

1. Briefly describe your proposal.

Tell us your overall goal in a sentence or two.

A goal is a broad statement of what you ultimately hope to accomplish with your project. Example: *Our goal is to improve child health in Parakou, Benin, by reducing anemia caused by malaria. We will do this by implementing an education program for parents of young children that provides incentives for bed net use and teaches parents how to repair and maintain their bed nets.*

- Briefly describe the community where your project will take place.
- State the problem in your community you want to address.
- Describe the specific activities you will carry out that will improve the situation and improve health.
 - Include who will conduct the activities.
 - State who will receive the services.
 - State the approximate number of patients or parents or trainees who will receive services or training.
 - Where exactly will these activities take place?

(Maximum Word Count 400 words)

2. Project Director Information:

Formal education, degree/title (if any), current job held, or work done by this person. What specific project activities will this person be responsible for? (Do not simply say they “will oversee the activities.”) The project director must live and work in or near the community where the project will take place. **(Maximum Word Count 100 words)**

3. Project Codirector Information:

Formal education, degree/title (if any), current job held or work done by this person; what specific project activities will this person be responsible for? (Do not simply say they “will oversee the activities” or “will assist the director.”) The project codirector may live outside the community or country, but must be closely involved with the project for the 3 years of funding. **(Maximum Word Count 100 words)**

4. Provide name and website (if any) for

- Your organization, health center or university
- Any partner institutions or organizations helping implement or supporting your project

Tell us how the partnering organizations will be involved. Make sure you spell out any abbreviations.

(Maximum Word Count 100 words)

5. What will the \$2000 per year be used for in year 1, year 2, and year 3?

Submit a budget in US dollars for each year.

- Note that funding cannot be used for international travel or for project director or codirector salaries.
- It is very important that the items in your budget clearly correspond to the activities you described above. Where possible, include cost per item multiplied by the number of items.
- ICATCH funds should primarily target the care provider and the patients directly (training manuals, salaries for providers, transportation costs, diagnostic equipment, clinic supplies, patient care items, patient equipment, patient medical supplies, etc.).
- Not much of your budget should be used for meetings. Cost of venue/food/transport are legitimate expenses for essential meetings such as for training. Cost should not be excessive, and the need should be well documented.
- Small amounts of your budget may be used for monitoring, evaluation, and data analysis, but this should not be the focus of your activities.

(Maximum Word Count 300 words)

6. If your project implementation includes other individuals who will carry out your activities, tell us how you have communicated with them, and if they have agreed to be part of your project.

Example: If the director and co-director are training community health workers (CHWs) or nurses, have the CHWs or nurses agreed to participate and carry out the activities? These persons should be included in your planning process at this early stage to give you feedback and suggestions for this proposal.

(Maximum Word Count 100 words)

7. Is there anything else you would like to tell us about your proposal?

You may want to mention past successes, why this project is needed, the difference it will make, etc. We are especially interested in hearing about your plans for sustainability beyond the 3-year grant period. Tell us how you see this project continuing (who will do the work and who will finance the work) after the 3-year grant funds end. (Maximum Word Count 150 words)

Writing a Goal/Aim Statement

A goal is a high-level, broad statement that articulates what a program would like to accomplish.

Implementing Helping
Babies Breathe in Remote
Floating Villages,
ICATCH 2014-16

Tonle Sap Lake, Cambodia



- Goals should include both the **problem** and the **population** served.
- Is the project based on ideas from **local** provider(s)?
- Is the project focused on 1-2 achievable goals, **not too broad** and well planned?

Thinking about community partners

- Projects with 1 or 2 strong **partnerships** more likely to succeed
- Involve partners/key participants **early** in planning process!
 - Make sure that key participants **agree to participate** in education or services
 - **Be specific** about how each partner will participate

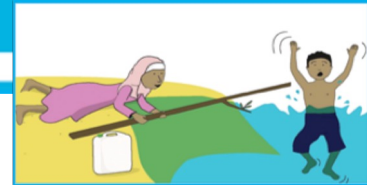
Child Drowning Prevention in Cambodia, ICATCH 2019-2022

local NGO collaboration with Italian NGO HelpCode

Teaching on YouTube during Covid-19



Aquatic Survival
Water Safety Education Manual



Activities necessary to achieve your goal

- Be specific about:
 - **Who will be responsible** for actually carrying out these activities or clinical services,
 - **Who will participate** in these activities or receive the services.
 - Include **how often and where** activities/services will take place.
- Make an activities **TIMELINE**
- Will the **outcome result in improved child health?**
- Are **barriers to health assessed and addressed?**



Floating Gardens for Health and Prosperity, ICATCH 2016-2019
(Improving Child Nutrition)

Constructing floating gardens on
Tonle Sap Lake



Developing a Budget

- Is the **budget complete and aligned with activities?**
- Be specific and include detail in **US dollars.**
- ICATCH funds should target **essential** project activities.
- ICATCH funding **cannot** be used for research projects, but a small portion of the funds can go towards monitoring and evaluation.
- If your budget is greater than \$2000 per year, explain who will supply the additional funds; **mention also any in-kind support.**

1. GRAND TOTAL Amount Requested (\$2000 per year; \$6000 max):

US Dollars: \$

2. Submit a detailed budget for each year below: Please submit funds in US dollars.

YEAR 1		
Item/Service/Activity	Why Needed/How Will Be Used	\$ Amount
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YEAR 2		
Item/Service/Activity	Why Needed/How Will Be Used	\$ Amount
		Year 2 Total: <input type="text"/>
YEAR 3		
Item/Service/Activity	Why Needed/How Will Be Used	\$ Amount

Monitoring and Evaluation (details for invited full applications)

- Are **monitoring and evaluation strategies clear**?
- What data will be collected?
- Who is responsible for collecting and recording data?
- How often will data collection happen?
- Will you use phone apps, videos to ease collection and assessment of data?
- Do you need IRB approval?

Need to differentiate:

- **OUTPUT** = data collected from activities
- **OUTCOMES** = measurement of the impact of your project

Engaging Ethnic Communities in Rural Adolescent Health Knowledge in Laos, ICATCH 2018-2021



Sustainability—the hardest part

(important to consider even when developing your project)

Maybe the hardest piece to consider

→ More than just continued
Funding or Dedicated Time

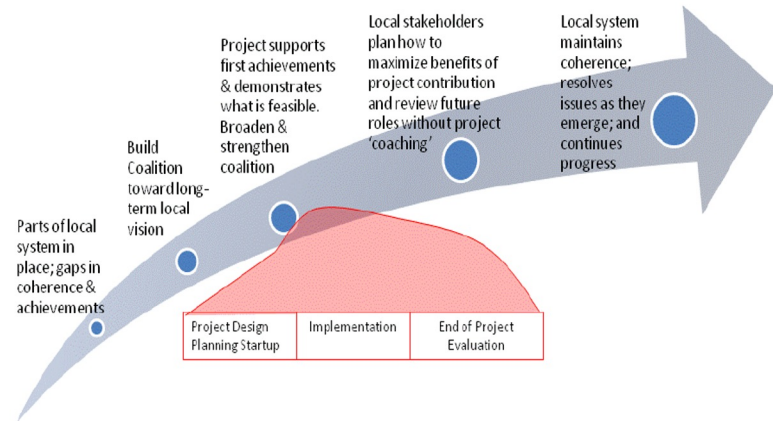


Quality Improvement Project, Adolescent Clinic
Uganda ICATCH 2014-2016

Figure 4.2

‘Sustainability Thinking’ of Project Contribution to a Larger Local System

Project activities are not the “be all, end all” but rather a catalyst to improve local system functioning. Activities and results may get off to a slower start as problems need to be resolved initially, but then the system gathers momentum that carries through even at end of project as external resources are withdrawn.



Invited Full Applications



Instruction Booklet for the 2023 ICATCH Application (Grant Cycle: July 1, 2023-June 30, 2026)

Congratulations on advancing to the next step in the ICATCH application process! We have reviewed your preliminary application and ask that you now complete the full application. Just as with the preliminary application, you must submit the final version of your full application online using SurveyMonkey Apply.

Successful preliminary applications will be invited to submit Full applications

Full applications are evaluated based on:

1. Project fit with ICATCH mission
2. Project concept and design
3. Overall potential for success and likely impact

Applicants have the option to work with an ICATCH reviewer who will serve as an application advisor.

Role of your ICATCH application advisor

Your application advisor will:

- Help you clarify your project's goals, activities, and measurement outcomes so the ICATCH reviewers who score your application understand your proposal
- Ask questions if parts of your application are not clear
- Make **suggestions** on what you might add or clarify but you are **NOT obligated** to use any of these suggestions in your final draft.

Role of your ICATCH application advisor

Your application advisor will **not**:

- Redesign your project
- Comment on multiple versions of your application
- Fully edit or spell check your grammar
- Score your final application that you submit

After Review

- You will receive an email notifying you of the reviewers decision along with feedback.
- All ICATCH projects are assigned an **ICATCH Liaison** - an ICATCH review team member to serve as a point of contact and a resource over the 3 year grant period.
- Annual progress reports are required at the end of each grant year and a Final progress report at the end of the third year of funding.