

BID AMENDMENT #1 ON 8/14/2026

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CTF has amended the bid based on feedback to allow the evidence-based, HomVEE-approved model Family Connects to be an eligible home visiting model under the solicitation. Please see participation requirements section and amendment modifications marked in **red**.

REQUEST FOR APPLICATION

Rural Health Transformation Funding

The Missouri Children's Trust Fund (CTF) is pleased to announce the total availability of \$588,000 annually for agencies to initiate and implement Rural Health Transformation (RHT) home visiting. Grantees would be given the option of renewing their contracts annually for an additional 4 years based on performance and availability of funding. Funding will allow up to \$100,000 for model fees and training costs of new nurse-based home visitors and up to \$488,000 for expansion of nurse-based home visiting.

PURPOSE OF FUNDING

Missouri's new Rural Health Transformation Program (RHTP) is designed to improve maternal-child health for families living in eligible rural areas (*eligibility map linked in Resources below*). CTF will administer RHT contracts to home visiting agencies (HVAs) currently, or working towards, implementing an evidence-based, HomVEE-approved model delivered by nurses and be able to demonstrate fidelity to the model. The nurse-based home visitors will serve pregnant and postpartum families at home or via virtual tele-visits, following the established model, to provide education and improve health and wellbeing including maternal and child screenings, early risk detection and care coordination among pregnant women, children and families.

ELIGIBILITY TO APPLY

Home Visiting programs must be currently, or working towards, implementing an evidence-based, HomVEE-approved model and be able to demonstrate fidelity to the model. All services must be provided by nurses. Services must be an expansion and cannot supplant current funding.

PARTICIPATION REQUIREMENTS

Programs must, or be willing to:

- Deliver services, with an average minimum of 1-2 visits per month or, **as amended, at delivery and within the first month following the Family Connects model with hand-off coordination to longer term home visiting;**
- Ensure nurse home visiting staff are trained in the model and topics required by the model;
- Participate fully in the CTF quarterly three-tiered continuous quality improvement (CQI) process;
- Utilize a CTF-approved REDCap database to record home visiting data. Core data collection includes MIECHV performance measures, forms and visit completion including postpartum visits and preterm birth; or, **as amended, a specific data collection schedule will be developed for the Family Connects model;**
- Participate in their regional Collective Impact (CI) site community meetings;
- Be a CRIS Referral Partner (*Coordinated Referral & Intake System*) through their CI site.

Additionally, awarded contractors must participate in the new RHT statewide network of healthcare "HUBs" which will include a variety of healthcare partners within a region of 3-6 counties. A designated Hub Anchor will serve as the neutral convener. These HUBs help improve access, strengthen care coordination and address local population health needs. *Map link provided in Resource section below.*

USE OF FUNDS

Awarded funds may only be used for expenses related to home visiting service activities. Eligible expenses include, but are not limited to:

- Staff time and travel expenses related to administering and/or providing home visiting services;
- Information technology hardware, software, and technical support related to administering, providing, and/or participating in home visiting services;
- Marketing and outreach to facilitate access to home visiting services;

- Model fee and required model home visitor trainings - Must differentiate model fee and model training fund requests from program funds in the proposed budget and address how/when training funds are intended to be used. Total of all grantees' training funds will not exceed \$100,000.
- Continuous quality improvement activities;
- Incentives that are reasonable and justifiable for participating families, including developmentally appropriate toys and/or books, safety or hygiene-related items, transportation assistance, grocery cards or gift cards to baby/child stores (excluding phone cards), specific basic family needs, etc.
 - *Must monitor the use of gift cards to include approval processes, logging, family acknowledgments and attempts to ensure restrictions on the purchase of tobacco, alcohol or firearms.*
 - *To purchase and provide supplies, programs must first ensure supplies cannot be accessed elsewhere in the community or through other family support programming.*
- Indirect costs necessary to the performance of the project which cannot exceed 8% for RHT

Awarded grantees will invoice CTF monthly for reimbursement of approved expenses that have been incurred by the grantee, with separate itemization for model fees and model training costs.

APPLICATION PROCESS AND REQUIREMENTS

The application period for this funding opportunity begins June 26, 2026, with a submission deadline by the end of the day on August 23, 2026. Applications submitted after the deadline will not be considered. To successfully apply, the following components must be completed and emailed to melinda.kirsch@oa.mo.gov before the deadline stated above:

- Completed CTF application (*CTF Template*);
- Documentation verifying fidelity that the home visiting program is currently, or working towards, implementing an evidence-based, HomVEE approved model (*i.e., model accreditation, registration letter or certificate, approved model application, training certificates, etc.*);
- Detailed Program Budget for Year 1 differentiating model fee and model training requirements (*CTF Template Attachment*);
- Applicant Agency's Operating Budget for the current year, including income and expenses;
- Application Certification Letter (*CTF Template attached to Application*);
- Provide proof of active nonprofit status (*e.g., IRS determination letter*) or documentation of being a qualified governmental entity;
- IRS Form 990, if applicable;
- Agency's most recent financial audit summary report;
- A high-level organizational chart of leadership and staff pertaining to the project; and,
- Agency's current list of Board of Directors and their affiliations.

Note: *If the vendor provides any "personal information" as defined in §105.1500, RSMo, concerning an entity exempt from federal income tax under Section 501(c) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, the vendor understands and agrees that it is voluntarily choosing to seek a state contract and providing such information for that purpose. CTF will treat such personal information in accordance with §105.1500, RSMo.*

INFORMATIONAL MEETING

An optional, pre-bid informational meeting will occur and be recorded on July 8, 2026, from 9:00 am-10:00 am.

Register: <https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/-opV4Dr-TjWKgnLAZi1ajA>

AWARDS

Awardees will be notified in late September with an official contract and start-up to begin on October 1, 2026. Initial contracts will have a term of one year. Grantees will have the option to renew their contracts annually, subject to performance and funding availability. Grantees will be eligible for up to four, 1-year renewals. Award amounts are based on need and funds available, and therefore subject to change from year to year. CTF reserves the right to

amend the contracts, based on ongoing work regarding home visiting payment structures.

GRANT REQUIREMENTS

Awarded grantees will be subject to the following contract requirements:

Contracting and Payment

Contracts must be signed and returned to CTF by the date noted in the award letter. Contractor will, using the provided template, invoice CTF monthly for reimbursement of approved expenses incurred by the Contractor. Invoices are due to the Agency by the fifteenth (15th) day of the month following the month in which the expenses are incurred. Payment will be made in arrears within ninety days of CTF's receipt of an invoice. Payment is conditional upon CTF's approval of an invoice and funds being available to CTF. Grantees can flex up to 10% of their total award between approved line items and expenses. If additional flex or a new budget request is needed, a budget amendment can be requested and issued through the last quarter of the funding year.

Once notified of award, grantees must register as vendors with the State of Missouri through the MissouriBUYS eProcurement System (<https://missouribuys.mo.gov/registration/webprocure>). Additionally, all CTF grantees must participate in the E-Verify program (<https://www.e-verify.gov/>), have no taxes due to the State of Missouri, and be in good standing with the federal government.

Background Checks

The contractor must ensure that all employees and volunteers, having direct contact with children younger than eighteen years of age through their CTF-funded program, complete the following requirements:

- Register with the Family Care Safety Registry (FCSR) and provide FCSR screening results to the employer, prior to working with children. FCSR screenings must be completed annually after initial registration/screening. Fees to meet this requirement may be included in the grantee's project budget. More information about the FCSR program is available at www.health.mo.gov/safety/fcsr/about.php.
- Complete a state and national, fingerprint-based, criminal background check as part of the hiring process through the Missouri Volunteer and Employee Criminal History Services (MOVECHS) program [Process and Forms](#). If these background checks were not completed upon hire, they must be initiated within thirty (30) days of receiving a CTF grant award.

Privacy, Records, Reporting and Monitoring

- Contractor will collect, enter, and report on CTF core data collection, including MIECHV performance measures, demographics and forms as required by CTF, *Screening & Forms Schedule attachment provided*. As part of grant requirements, the contractor must utilize a CTF-approved REDCap project for aligned data collection. If needed, funding at the local level to complete the required data, including computer hardware, should be requested and included in the proposal. **As amended, a specific data collection schedule will be developed for the Family Connects model.**
- Contractor will comply with the CTF REDCap Database Policy Usage Guidelines (Research Electronic Data Capture), *attachment and infographic provided*.
- Contractor will maintain fiscal and programmatic documentation related to their performance.
 - Fiscal documentation will include proof of expense and proof of Contractor's payment for all billings submitted to CTF.
 - Programmatic documentation will include evidence of goods and/or services rendered and all data necessary to fulfill the reporting and monitoring requirements.
- Contractor will, upon the request of CTF, allow authorized representatives of CTF and the State Auditor's office access to all records related to this Agreement. CTF will maintain the right to audit said records for a period of five years from the termination date.
- Contractor will participate in scheduled provider meetings and annual site visits.
- The privacy of participants in programs funded by CTF will be protected with intentionality and as required by federal and state law, including the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (HIPAA). The Contractor will comply with the CTF Privacy Policy, *attachment provided*.

- Contractor will participate fully in the three-tiered continuous quality improvement (CQI) process, including Level 1 (Local team meeting), Level 2 (regional inter-agency) and Level 3 (state level), including review of data quality reporting, Plan-Do-Study-Act (PDSAs), and collaborating with other programs, *attachment provided*.

RESOURCES and ATTACHMENTS

CTF Rural Health Transformation Home Visiting Application (*attached*)

[Rural Health Transformation Program \(RHTP\) Hub County Groupings Map | mydss.mo.gov](#)

HomVEE Evidence-based approved models: [Model Search | Home Visiting Evidence of Effectiveness](#)

CRIS Link (Coordinated Referral and Intake System): <https://ctf4kids.org/crislink/>

MIECHV Performance Indicators and Systems Outcomes:

<https://mchb.hrsa.gov/sites/default/files/mchb/programs-impact/performance-indicators-sys-outcomes-summary.pdf>

REDCap Screening and Forms Schedule (*attached*)

As amended, a specific data collection schedule will be developed for the Family Connects model.

Program Budget Template (*attached*)

CQI Infographic (*attached*)

[REDCap Policy Usage Guidelines \(*attached*\)](#)

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[Privacy Policy \(*attached*\)](#)

CONTACT INFORMATION

Please contact CTF with any questions about participation and eligibility requirements and/or any processes related to this funding opportunity.

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