



COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS GRANTS

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Your Ideas! Your Kids! Your Community!

At First 5 Sacramento, our goal is to enhance the health and early growth experiences of children, enabling them to be more successful in school and to give them a better opportunity to succeed in life. First 5 will be providing mini grants, up to \$5,000, for people like you, who are interested in organizing activities that promote the health & well-being of young children while building relationships with other members in the community. **Project funding is for one year.**

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

- Residents of Sacramento County
- A group of at least 3 community members (non- family) who are willing to invite others to participate in the project
- People with great ideas who want to provide activities that benefit children ages 0-5

Contact First 5 to find out when the next funding cycle begins!

HOW TO APPLY:

- 1) Visit <http://first5sacramento.net/Programs/Pages/CommunityConnections.aspx> for the application and more information.
- 2) Choose a sponsoring agency to help support your project. *See below about sponsoring agencies.*
- 3) Find at least two other non-related people that want to do the project with you, and start brainstorming ideas.
- 4) Plan a project that benefits children ages 0-5 and builds connections with others in the community.
- 5) Contact First 5 to discuss your idea.
- 6) Once your group idea is approved by First 5, move on to filling out the application. Complete the grant application!(You can also request it electronically.)

SPONSORING AGENCY:

A sponsoring agency can donate their time in a supportive role for your project. For example, they can review your application, help you with your ideas, or provide meeting space for your group. If you do not already have one, First 5 can assign one to you. Some examples of sponsoring agencies are: Family Resource Centers, Libraries, Churches, etc.

FIRST 5 COMMUNITY GRANTS WILL NOT FUND:

- Projects for children older than 5 years old
- Activities outside of Sacramento County
- Expenses unrelated to the activities of the project
- Existing programs
- Wages, Salaries
- Single Events
- Travel Expenses
- Businesses, non-profits, schools
- Sports teams/league sponsorships

SUBMIT ALL QUESTIONS, "INTENT TO APPLY" STATEMENTS, AND COMPLETED APPLICATIONS TO:

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