



Dedicated Cycle for Grief Support for Families Bereaved by COVID-19

April 1 - April 25, 2022, at 8 p.m. E.T.

Decision by June 2022

Submission Information

You may submit your application to the Brave of Heart RFP through the following link:
<https://nacg.wufoo.com/forms/msb382y1k6phun/>

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Purpose of this request for proposals:

"Among the more than 760,000 deaths from COVID-19 in the United States are parents, custodial grandparents, or other caregivers on whom children had relied for financial, emotional, and developmental support. Many of these children already faced significant social and economic adversity, and these devastating losses can impact their development and success for the rest of their lives." ([COVID Collaborative](#), 2022). Funding from this grant cycle will support bereavement centers in their program support and outreach to these children. The RFP welcomes requests that meet the identified needs of children who are grieving and are informed with cultural considerations for your community.

This program aims to increase access to bereavement support services in local communities, specifically for children who are grieving the death of someone from COVID-19.

The [Brave of Heart Fund](#) was founded in May 2020 by the foundations of [Cigna](#) and [New York Life](#) and administered by [E4E Relief](#). It was established to provide charitable grants and emotional support services to families of frontline healthcare workers, volunteers, and support staff whose lives were lost in the fight against COVID-19. The Brave of Heart Fund continues to honor the hard work and sacrifice of healthcare workers and their families via grants to nonprofit organizations working to address the long-term challenges they continue to experience.

The [National Alliance for Children's Grief](#) (NACG) is a nonprofit organization that raises awareness about the needs of children and teens who are grieving a death and provides education and resources for anyone who supports them. Through the collective voice of our members and partners, we educate, advocate and raise awareness about childhood bereavement.

Request for Proposals Overview

The Brave of Heart Fund provides the funds for these grants, and the National Alliance for Children's Grief manages the oversight and RFP process. Final decisions on grants are made by a review committee consisting of representatives from the National Alliance for Children's Grief and other experts within the Childhood Bereavement field. The application process has been streamlined for expediency. **Please complete the application by 8 p.m. E.T., April 25.** Please limit your responses to the stated characters per question; the reviewers will not see responses over the limit.

Application timeline:

- ✦ Application Opens: *April 1*
- ✦ Informational Call: *April 8, 2022, 2:30 p.m. E.T. [Register here](#).*
- ✦ Application Closes: *April 25, 2022, 8:00 p.m. E.T.*

This competitive request for proposals focuses on addressing the need for bereavement support services for families bereaved by COVID-19.

Organizational Criteria:

1. Organizations must currently serve or plan to serve children who are grieving the death of a person from COVID-19. For the purpose of this grant program, children and youth are defined as children under the age of 25 who have had a person die. Applicants for this grant program may serve youth outside of these limits, but grant funds, if awarded, support bereaved children under the age of 25.
2. Type of grief support. The type of support can vary based on the identified need and expertise of the applicant. Examples of the type of support can include but are not limited to peer support, one on one counseling, training, and professional development for staff, and more.

Eligibility and Priorities:

There are two grant amount opportunities included in this RFP. As explained below, each organization will only be eligible to apply to one of these grant opportunities.

This competitive grant program is open to all nonprofit organizations serving or planning to serve children who have experienced a death due to COVID-19 and meet the requirements outlined below.

Requirements:

Applications that do not meet these standards will not be reviewed for funding, so please review carefully

- ✦ U.S.-based 501(c)3 for at least one year.
- ✦ Provide their most recent 990 tax return.
- ✦ Must provide a budget detailing specifically how requested funds will be used.
- ✦ Must be the entity that will provide the children's bereavement services.
- ✦ Must have at least one paid staff person.
- ✦ Request amount must not be greater than 20% of the organization's current year **grief program** budgeted expenses.
- ✦ The grant proposal must include cultural considerations of bereaved children based on the community you will be serving.
- ✦ Evaluation of proposed programming. All proposed programs must include an evaluation tool that meets the minimum requirements outlined in the grant agreement.
- ✦ If you are a part of a larger organization, for example, a hospice, hospital, university, etc., you will be required to submit your dedicated childhood bereavement program budget.
- ✦ Must be a current member of the NACG.

Disqualifications:

Grants are made only to private, nonprofit organizations, which have tax-exempt status under Section 501(c)3 of the Internal Revenue Code, and which are not private foundations.

Excluded organizations and areas:

- ✦ Individuals or government agencies.
- ✦ Organizations or activities whose services are limited to members of one religious or sectarian group.
- ✦ Fraternal, social, professional, athletic, or veterans' organizations.

- ✦ Seminars, conferences, trips, and memberships.
- ✦ Endowments, memorials, or capital campaigns.
- ✦ Fundraising events, telethons, races, or other benefits.
- ✦ Goodwill advertising.
- ✦ Basic or applied research.
- ✦ Organizations that discriminate on the basis of race, color, creed, gender, or national origin.

Grant Information Session

We will hold one informational session for this cycle, and participants will learn about the focus on the grant and have a chance to ask any questions they might have. The session will be an informational session: *April 8, 2022, 2:30 p.m. E.T. [Register here](#).*

Reporting requirements:

Grantees awarded any of these competitive grants are required to submit a final report. The report will take the form of a narrative detailing progress on the proposed timeline of activities, achieved objectives, challenges in fulfilling grant deliverables, and a financial report documenting the allocation and expenditure of the grant funds and any interest earned thereon.

NOTE: Grant recipients will be required to review and consent to terms and conditions prior to receiving their grant payments.

Grants Available:

- ✦ **\$10,000:** Organizations with the minimum annual bereavement budget of \$50,000 will be eligible to apply for this grant level.
- ✦ **\$20,000:** Organizations with minimum annual bereavement budgets of \$100,000 will be eligible to apply for this grant level.

Reporting requirements:

Final report due for all grants on January 21, 2023.

FAQs

- **Which grant should I apply for?**
This depends on the size of your organization's bereavement budget. You can only apply for 20% of your organization's current year bereavement budgeted expenses. If you are under a parent organization, you will need to base your decision on what the budget is for just your program, not your organization's budget as a whole. If you only provide children's bereavement services, you can use your whole budget.
- **Can I apply for more than one grant and only receive one?**
You may only apply for one grant at a time.
- **When is my application due?**
Monday, April 25, 2022, at 8 p.m. E.T.

- **We are an organization of volunteers. Can we apply?**
Your organization must have at least one paid employee to qualify for this grant.
- **Can I partner with another organization for this grant?**
Yes! We love to see collaborations for these grants. (The nonprofit provider of the bereavement service will be the recipient of funds)
- **Does location restrict these grants?**
This grant is open to any nonprofit serving bereaved children within the U.S.
- **If I am not currently serving families who are grieving the death of someone from COVID-19, can I still apply?**
Yes, you can apply! These grants can be used to support outreach to children and families in your community that are currently not participating in your program.
- **My organization is not a nonprofit, but we are looking to partner with a nonprofit to provide bereavement services. Can we apply?**
Only nonprofits are eligible to apply. Your organization can partner with a nonprofit, but your nonprofit must be the applicant.