**PURPOSE:**

To support organizations responding to urgent and/or structural issues that threaten widespread access to high-quality childcare and educational opportunities for children ages 0-5. The grants are designed to support successful applicants achieving specific, articulated outcome(s), within 12-24 months of award, on:

* ECE provider and infrastructure support: *childcare programs that offer high-quality early care and education and organizations that improve the effectiveness of such programs,* *including through workforce recruitment, development, and retention.*
* ECE policy and advocacy: *organizations that* *leverage advocacy to support system-wide, structural improvements in the early childhood education sector.*
* Parenting support & engagement: *organizations that work to support parenting – particularly those organizations with a track record of impact and trust within the community – and boost parents’ skills from pregnancy through school entry.*

These outcomes can consist of one stage of longer-term systemic change. Grants will support capacity of all types of early care and education partners to serve families and children, particularly in ways that establish trusting relationships and increase services.

**GRANT AMOUNT**:

$20,000 - $100,000 for immediate actions and anticipated results through June 2023.

**ELIGIBILITY:**

Robins Foundation will consider applications from organizations that meet the following requirements:

* 501 (c) (3) organization.
* Project must solely serve children aged five or under, or families with children aged five and under, in the greater Richmond region (Chesterfield, Henrico, Petersburg, and Richmond City).
* Organization is maintaining and/or creating new initiatives, partnerships, and efforts to support young children, their parents, and/or to change policies that create an effective early childhood system.
* Please note that Robins Foundation has, and will continue to, consider support to faith-based organizations which utilize a secular curriculum and inclusive admissions practices.

Strong preference will be given to proposals that meet one or more of the Foundation’s ECE priorities:

* Promote high quality learning environments and caregiver-child interactions in home and/or school/childcare settings.
* Focus on creating the conditions for a talented and sustainable early childhood workforce.
* Are engaged, or plan to engage in 501(c)(3)-allowable legislative advocacy, shifts in culture/public perception, and/or concrete changes in conditions at the local and state level.
* Are led and/or designed by representation of the directly impacted population, particularly those who are low and middle wealth, people of color, differently abled, and/or long-time residents.

**INELIGIBLE PROJECTS FOR 2022**:

Proposals are ineligible for funding if they exclusively focus on:

* Travel to conferences or other events
* Budget shortfalls or cash flow issues
* Capital investments

**APPLICATION PROCESS:**

Applications will be accepted beginning Monday, January 31, 2022. Decisions for support will be made in June 2022. In order to apply, you must first fill out the Pre-Grant Questions form and have a pre-grant application call with a program officer; failure to follow these steps will result in your application being deemed ineligible. Email responses to Pre-Grant Questions to grants@robinsfdn.org by February 15, 2022. A pre-grant application call will be scheduled no later than February 18. Once discussion is completed, organizations will have until Friday, March 4, 2022 to submit a full proposal.

**Robins Foundation Pre-Grant Questions**

**Please respond to the following questions and submit your responses to** **grants@robinsfdn.org****. After you do, our Grants Manager will help you schedule your pre-grant call with a Program Officer.**

**This report should not exceed two (2) pages.**

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**Organization** **Date**

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**IRS EIN Number**

1. **Briefly summarize the proposed work for which you wish to receive funding and how it aligns with the Foundation’s ECE 0-5 priorities. Please specify which of the following priorities your proposed work primarily impacts: ECE Provider Support & Infrastructure;** **Early Childhood Policy & Advocacy; Parenting Support & Engagement.**

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1. **What are your anticipated outcomes/outputs?**
Click or tap here to enter text.
2. **What population does the proposed work target?**
Click or tap here to enter text.
3. **What part of the greater Richmond region would you consider your primary service area (check all that apply)?**

[ ]  **Chesterfield County**

[ ]  **Henrico County**

[ ]  **Petersburg City**

[ ]  **Richmond City**

**If applicable, please specify the neighborhood(s) of service.**

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1. **With what partners are you collaborating? Please specify if they are existing or potential partnerships.**

Click or tap here to enter text.