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1		Is it possible to get the scoring sheet from the grant we submitted for RFA #3-13? If not, is it possible to share with us the areas we need to improve upon in writing our grant?	The Department does not release scoring sheets for any procurement. The Department is unable at this time to provide assessments of individual applications that were previously submitted for other procurements.
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2		Does it disqualify an organization if they <u>also</u> provide tertiary service but the program applied for in the grant is a secondary program?	An organization that provides tertiary services is not disqualified, as long as the program that you're applying for is a primary or secondary prevention service.
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3		Can you provide some additional information about the definition of "local" match funds? Would all private foundation funding be considered "local" since it's not state or federal funding?	Local match is derived from a local source of funding vs. a state government or federal government source of funding. If the local funding isn't derived from state or federal funding, then it would qualify as a local match.
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4	Rider 2, Section 2	Rider 2, Section 2 includes a table and directs applicants to fill out the final column ("Assessment Methods"). Does that mean applicants are not supposed to edit or change any of the other information provided in the table?	Please do not edit or change any tables provided.
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5		Can you provide some additional information about the evidence-based program requirement? Our organization currently implements an evidence-based home visiting program. Is it appropriate to seek funding for ancillary services that	The applicant must identify the selected program and supply the citation documenting its status as evidence-based or promising practice that support families in building protective factors and strengthening families' effective

		complement the ongoing evidence-based program (like mental health or social work)? Or must funding be used to support the core evidence-based home visiting services?	functioning to prevent child abuse and neglect. The chosen methods must meet the needs of the overall population in the proposed service area. Programs must be primary or secondary prevention programs, not intervention or treatment for child abuse or neglect incidences.
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6	Program Requirements II-1	A program listed in the California Clearinghouse for Child Welfare has been identified as “not able to be rated” . This is a provisional rating until May 11. We do not know whether an update on the status will be available before the grant application is due. The FRIENDS Evidence-Based and Evidence-Informed Programs cites that the National Registry of Evidence Based Programs and Practices and the Office of Juvenile and Delinquency Prevention have recognized and listed the program as an evidence based intervention and a promising program. How should the program be cited.....evidence based, or as a promising program?	The applicant must identify the selected program and supply the citation documenting its status as evidence-based or promising practice that support families in building protective factors and strengthening families’ effective functioning to prevent child abuse and neglect. The chosen methods must meet the needs of the overall population in the proposed service area. Programs must be primary or secondary prevention programs, not intervention or treatment for child abuse or neglect incidences. Applicants may use the websites provided as a guide in selecting a recognized evidence-based or promising practice, or select a promising practice with which you are familiar (additional documentation will be required).
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7		Can we “recreate” the documents or should we handwrite them (I don’t have access to a typewriter)?	Yes, you may recreate the forms.

8		Our proposed project would be implemented in two counties, we would need signatures from both county Children and Youth authorities, correct?	Yes, signatures from both county Children and Youth Agencies are required.
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8	Part I, I-14	Can a program in it's third year of CTF funds apply to expand the program, utilizing both the existing evidence based curriculum and additional curriculum of same evidence based program that reaches new populations.	Current CTF grantees may apply for a new grant during the third or final year of their current grant.
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9		Are Strengthening Families Leadership Team Partners allowed to apply for the RFA?	Yes.
10		Can a DVD of the education we provide to parents be submitted since, we developed it , it's integral to our application, & it's based on the strengthening families protective factors?	The applicant must identify the selected program and supply the citation documenting its status as evidence-based or promising practice that support families in building protective factors and strengthening families' effective functioning to prevent child abuse and neglect. Only items in the checklist included as Attachment 3 will be reviewed during the review and scoring process.
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11		Can you clarify the difference between the number of families and the number of parents/caregivers?	A child may live in one family with more than one parent or caregiver.
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12		Can CTF funds be used/applied to help assist an established program be proved as its own evidenced based program?	Yes.
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13		Do providers need to have previous experience implementing the specific evidence-based program they are proposing to use? Can a start-up program apply?	A start-up program may apply.
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14		<p>We are looking to use this funding to be part of reentry program efforts that begin with male inmates in a County Community Reentry Center.</p> <p>Work would take place in the facility and would continue post release in the community. We would of course be including their families.</p> <p>Is this allowable?</p>	<p>Any organization or agency located and operating in Pennsylvania may apply for CTF funding to implement innovative and creative community-based child abuse and neglect prevention programs.</p> <p>The applicant must identify the selected program and supply the citation documenting its status as evidence-based or promising practice that support families in building protective factors and strengthening families' effective functioning to prevent child abuse and neglect. The chosen methods must meet the needs of the overall population in the proposed service area. Programs must be primary or secondary prevention programs, not intervention or treatment for child abuse or neglect incidences.</p>
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15		If we have already received a grant for general operating support, can we use this as the match and do we have to go back to the funder to have them sign Rider 4? or, is it okay just to attach our contract letter from the funder stating that it is a general operating grant from that specific funder?	Yes, you may use the other grant as the local match as long as the local match is derived from a local source of funding vs. a state government or federal government source of funding. To be considered for selection, applicants must submit a complete response to this RFA, using the checklist included as Attachment 3 to ensure that all required items requested within this RFA are completed and submitted as part of the application package.
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16		Are food and entertainment ineligible expenses? We have an existing parent-child program for which we are not allowed to use funds for refreshments or things considered to be entertainment. I am looking at options for filling in that funding gap, but not looking to actually develop a new program.	No, the Children's Trust Fund grant cannot be used to supplement another program by providing food alone. It must be used towards direct services to help prevent abuse and neglect.
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17		My organization currently practices the Strengthening Families Protective Factors approach. What would be an example of how we might expand or enhance this approach with CTF funds? Increasing # of families reached?	We cannot give specific examples on how you might expand or enhance your program. The applicant must identify the selected program and supply the citation documenting its status as evidence-based or promising practice that support families in building protective factors and strengthening families' effective functioning to prevent child abuse and neglect. The chosen methods must meet the needs of the overall population in the proposed service area. Programs must be

**Comment [d1]:** This doesn't answer the first part of their question regarding whether they may use another grant for the local match.

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18		Can you provide some more information about the signature requirement (requiring the applicant's signature and "the county children and youth agency director or designee"). Could that 2nd signature be the health department or the school district? Or does it have to be the county agency charged with preventing child abuse?	The signature must be from the local Children and Youth Agency.
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19		Do ELECT funds qualify for match funds?	Local match is derived from a local source of funding vs. a state government or federal government source of funding. If ELECT funding is State or Federal, it does not qualify.