

Local Collaborative Time Study (LCTS) Community Grants



SFY2027-2029
Grant Guidelines



**Goodhue County
Child & Family Collaborative**
Strong Families. Resilient Children.

ABOUT US

The Goodhue County Child & Family Collaborative is an integrated children's mental health and family services collaborative. We are a partnership of schools, social services, public health, corrections, community non-profits and mental health providers that is committed to working on the complex issues that affect children and families.

Our Mission

To work in partnership to build strong families and resilient children

Our Vision

All Goodhue County families and children to have the resources, skills, relationships, supports and opportunities they need to be strong and resilient.

Our Goals

- Promote mental health & well-being in children, youth & young adults.
- Strengthen resilience & protective factors of families, schools, and communities.
- Support healthy growth and social-emotional development of children, youth, and young adults.
- Improve services to support children's learning and success in school.
- Address inequities to improve outcomes for all children and families.

Our Values

We believe that services and supports for children & families should be:

- strengths-based
- trauma-informed
- child-centered and family-guided
- responsive and inclusive
- research-informed and data driven

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What is the Local Collaborative Time Study (LCTS)?

The LCTS is a random moment time study administered by the MN Department of Human Services (DHS). It generates new federal dollars for Family Services and Children's Mental Health Collaboratives. Only Public Health, County or Community Corrections, and School Districts who are members of an approved Family Services or Children's Mental Health Collaborative can participate and earn federal dollars for a Collaborative.

LCTS Funding Goals

The Goodhue County Child & Family Board has designated LCTS funds to be used to **strengthen resilience & protective factors of families, schools, and communities.**

Protective factors are:

- Parental resilience
- Social connections
- Concrete support
- Knowledge of parenting and child development
- Social and emotional competence in children
- Nurturing and attachment

Eligibility

The Goodhue County Child & Family Collaborative funds public schools, governmental agencies and 501(c)(3) organizations. Proposed programs/projects must primarily serve children and families in the Cannon Falls, Goodhue, Kenyon-Wanamingo, Lake City, Red Wing, and Zumbrota-Mazeppa school districts.

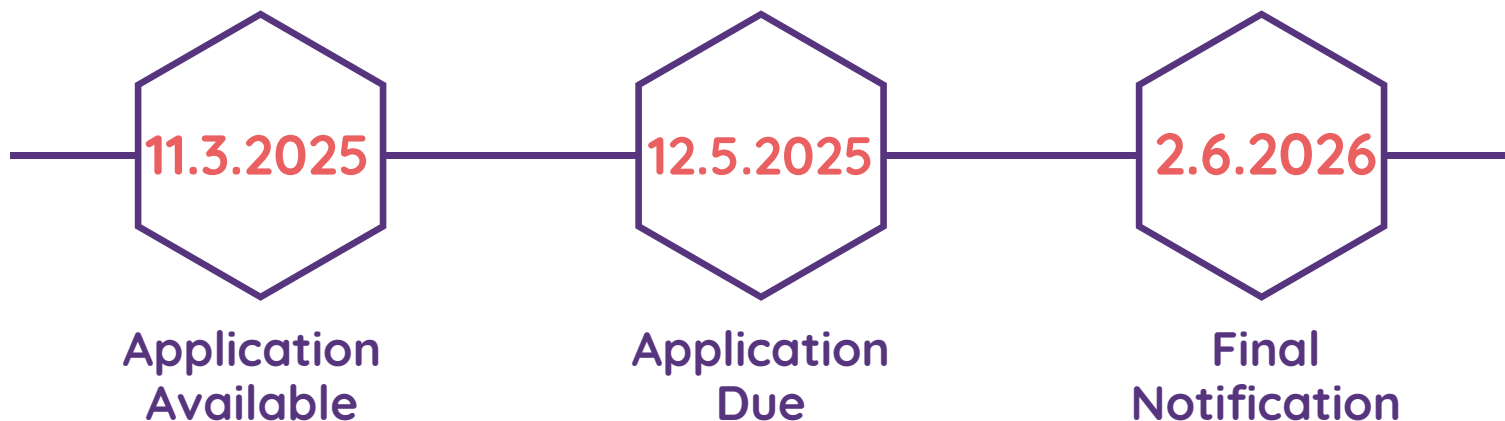


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Additional Information

- Specify whether your project is evidence-based, evidence-informed, or innovative. Please also list which protective factors and other outcomes you expect to improve. Priority is given to projects using an evidence-based approach shown to improve one or more of the protective factors listed above, mental wellbeing or school success. Proposals that are evidence-informed or innovative are also welcome.
 - **Evidence-based** programs or projects use a defined curriculum or set of services that, when implemented with fidelity as a whole, has been validated by some form of scientific evidence.
 - **Evidence-informed** programs or projects use the best available research and practice knowledge to guide program design and implementation.
 - **Innovative** programs or projects are new and creative ideas that have not yet been researched and/or proven to improve outcomes.
- Funds can only be used for the specific request. Funds must be spent or returned within 365 days of grant approval unless a written extension has been approved. A grant report must be submitted for each grant request funded. Future grant requests will be denied if a report for a previous grant award has not been submitted.
- Grants are usually awarded for amounts of \$4,000-\$40,000 per year.

Timeline



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Grant Scoring Process

Members of the Collaborative's Grant Proposal Review Committee will review and score applications based on the following criteria:

- Meaningfully strengthens one or more protective factors
- Provides direct contact with children and/or caregivers
- Likelihood of addressing inequities to improve outcomes for all children and families
- The proposal is evidence-based and the applicant has cited an evidence-based practice database.
- Proposal is achievable
- The budget is reasonable (itemized, sufficient, and justified)
- Likelihood of improving the mental well-being of children.
- Likelihood of improving school success of children
- The proportion of Goodhue County served
- The number of individuals served
- Strength of plan for evaluation

Distribution of Funds & Reporting

The grant funding is for a three year period beginning July 1, 2026 and ending June 30, 2029. Grantees will receive their funds on the following schedule:

- July/August - First half of annual grant award
- April/May - Second half of annual grant award

The exact timing is dependent on when the Goodhue County Child & Family Collaborative receives LCTS funds from the State of Minnesota.

Grantees are required to submit an annual grant report, and may be asked to present at a Collaborative board meeting.



Please direct any questions to the Collaborative Coordinator

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