

# **Special Announcement for General Residential Operations**

## **Accreditation Funding Opportunity Request for Applications**

Our Community Our Kids (OCOK) seeks applications for funding to aid certain General Residential Operations (GRO) for costs of obtaining or maintaining Accreditation that complies with The Family First Prevention Services Act (FFPSA).

This grant is intended for GROs providing Treatment Services or Residential Treatment Centers that are licensed by Health and Human Services Commission (HHS) Child Care Regulation (CCR), and that have achieved, are maintaining, or are actively pursuing accreditation. These grant funds will be made as reimbursements to apply to expenditures made between October 1, 2019, and July 15, 2025.

To receive the funding for this RFA, the applicant can apply for funds associated with:

1. **Completed & Maintaining Accreditation:** Applicants who have completed accreditation and will use these grant funds for reimbursement of allowed costs incurred after October 1, 2019, and before July 15, 2025, to complete and/or maintain their accreditation.
2. **Actively Pursuing Accreditation:** Applicants who are actively pursuing accreditation and have incurred expenses in pursuit of accreditation for reimbursement of allowed costs incurred after October 1, 2019, and before July 15, 2025.

Accreditation is the process by which an approved federal Accreditation Entity certifies that a residential facility meets acceptable standards of care. Accreditation Entity for the purposes of this funding opportunity includes the following three entities:

- The Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities (CARF) at <http://carf.org>
- The Council on Accreditation (COA) at <https://coanet.org/>
- The Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations (JCAHO) at <https://www.jointcommission.org/>

OCOK seeks to award grants across the continuum of care, particularly for organizations serving children with the highest needs.

Applications for grant funds must apply to activities within the following objectives:

Grantees will receive financial support to reimburse costs associated with obtaining or maintaining Accreditation as allowable under federal guidelines in the Family First Transition Act funds. This may include accreditation related costs listed below:

- A. Fees to the Accreditation Entity; (to include costs associated with applications or renewals/reaccreditation during the designated timeframe)
- B. Providing technical assistance needed to plan for new program requirements due to accreditation;
- C. Paying staff and/or consultant costs tied directly to accreditation process, that includes salary, travel, fringe benefits, and preparing standard-compliant policies, procedures, and protocols;
- D. Costs of supplies, controlled assets, equipment, and software; and
- E. Incidentals which are directly associated with the cost of accreditation.

The Request for Application will be open July 23, 2025-August 13, 2025. Notification of grant awardees will occur in late August and grant funds will be distributed in September 2025.

Additional grant requirements, RFA link, timeline and information is available at <https://tacfs.org/grant/residential-child-care-accreditation-grant/>

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