



MASSACHUSETTS CHILDREN'S ALLIANCE

REQUEST FOR RESPONSE

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I am pleased to release this year's Request for Response (RFR) from the Massachusetts Children's Alliance (MACA). I would like to highlight a few changes from last year.

Please note that we require that proposals specifically address the CAC's efforts to collaborate with MACA during the FY '09 funding period. Additionally, letters of support must be current, speak directly to the proposed project and come from partner agencies. In an effort to conserve paper, submissions must be double sided.

As a reminder, the funds will be dispersed in two checks; the first check will be released upon receipt of a signed contract with awardees, the second after successful submission to MACA of the March narrative and budget reports. In addition, each program will need to arrange for a site visit by MACA staff and/or a member of its Board of Directors to occur during the grant award period.

The current amount of money allocated to each program for FY '09 totals \$25,000. As mentioned in the Working Group meetings and recent site visits, our goal is to supplement this amount during the year if possible but for now, proposals should not exceed this amount. The NCA Grant Handbook referenced in the MACA RFR should prove helpful for designing your budget. Please remember that these funds can be used to cover expenses incurred from July 1, 2008 through June 30, 2009. **ALL FUNDS MUST BE SPENT BY JUNE 30th**; there are no exceptions to this condition of the contract.

We are thrilled to be partnering with all of you to better the lives of children and their families in Massachusetts. We look forward to working with you throughout the year.

Sincerely,

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