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### **Background**

[Act 1 of 2013](#), better known as the “Endowment Act,” charges the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency (PCCD) with the responsibility of administering \$48 million in funding that resulted from the settlement reached between the Commonwealth, the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) and the Pennsylvania State University (PSU) in January 2015.

Endowment Act funds may only be used within this Commonwealth for the benefit of the residents of Pennsylvania, and on any of the following:

- Programs or projects preventing child sexual abuse or assisting the victims of child sexual abuse;
- Multidisciplinary investigative teams (MDITs) established under 23 Pa.C.S. (relating to Domestic Relations);
- Child advocacy centers (CACs);
- Victim service organizations that provide services to children subjected to sexual abuse; and
- Training of persons who are mandated by law to report child sexual abuse or who treat victims of child sexual abuse.

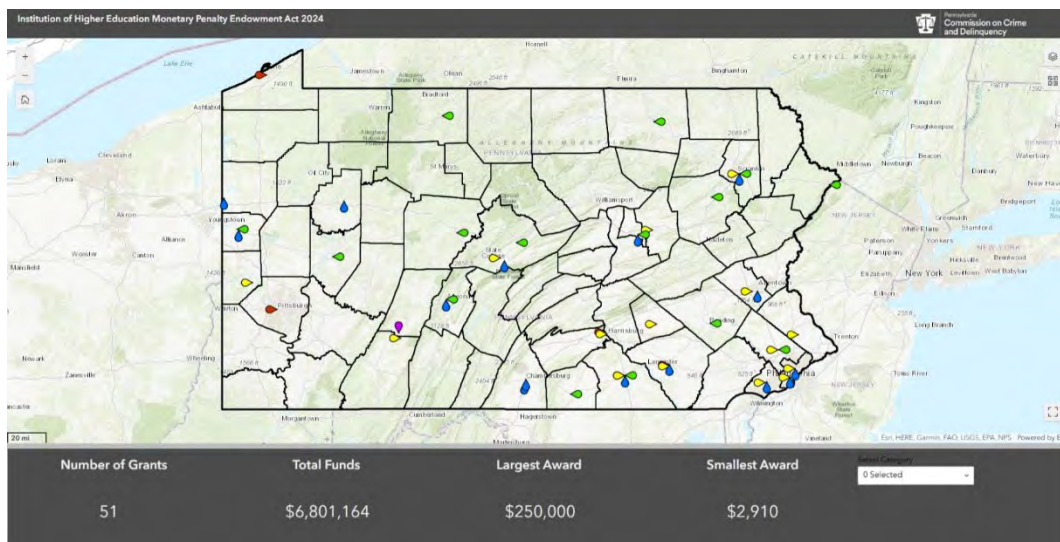
In order to administer the funding, PCCD relies on the advice and recommendations of the [Children’s Advocacy Center Advisory Committee \(CACAC\)](#), which was established by [Act 28 of 2014](#). The members of the CACAC include experts in the investigation, identification, prosecution, and treatment of victims of child sexual abuse.

### **2024 Annual Report to the General Assembly Overview**

The Endowment Act requires PCCD to provide an annual report to the General Assembly itemizing all approved expenditures from the endowment, the amount received by the organization and summary information aggregating expenditures by each category. This web-based document serves as the annual report and provides information regarding the location of Endowment Act grant recipients, the category of funding that they applied for, a summary of the award, and the amount of the award.

During Calendar Year 2024, the CACAC recommended funding projects under category 1A (prevention), category 2 (MDITs), category 3 (CACs), category 4 (victim service agencies), and category 5 (training of persons who treat victims of child sexual abuse). A funding announcement for category 1B (programs assisting victims of child sexual abuse) was not released during 2024.

By the end of December 2024, a total of 51 awards amounting to \$6.8 million in Endowment Act funding were released by PCCD. The map below includes the name and location of each recipient of Endowment Act funding in calendar year 2024. The category of funding is identified by the legend in the upper righthand corner of the map, and a project description can be found by clicking on the location.



[CLICK HERE TO VIEW THE ENDOWMENT ACT 2024 INTERACTIVE MAP](#)

As of June 30, 2024, a total of 321 grants amounting to \$27.9 million<sup>1</sup> in Endowment Act funds have been awarded collectively since 2015. All grants awarded with Endowment Act funding can be found on PCCD's [Grants 2012-2025](#) map. Outcome information about previous Endowment Act Grants can be found on the [Endowment Act Outcomes \(pa.gov\)](#) webpage. More information about the [Endowment Act](#) in general can be found on PCCD's website. If you have a specific question, please email [ra-pccd-cacac@pa.gov](mailto:ra-pccd-cacac@pa.gov).

### Programs Assisting Victims

The first category in Act 1 is programs or projects preventing child sexual abuse or assisting the victims of child sexual abuse. The CACAC has determined that this category is technically split into two distinct items (i.e., prevention; assistance).

**Prevention.** From 2018-2022, the Safe and Healthy Communities Initiative (initially a three-year project, extended into four) was supported by EA-Prevention funding. It was a collaborative pilot prevention project between PCCD/CACAC and the Child Maltreatment Solutions Network (CMSN) at Penn State University that implemented a school-based prevention programming component, a community-based prevention program and a parent-based prevention program within 5 pilot counties within Pennsylvania (Bucks, Chester, York, Somerset/Cambria).

Learning from this work, and leveraging emerging empirical findings, PCCD and CMSN implemented *Project Safe and Smart* in 2022. Through this project, PCCD supported 10 sites to implement two evidence-based approaches, *Safe Touches* and *Smarter Parents*. *Safer Kids*. Between July 2022 and June 2024, more than 32,000 second graders received a *Safe Touches* workshop and over 270 parents completed the *Smarter Parents* workshop.

<sup>1</sup> Note that total Endowment Act expenditures to date are reported by fiscal year, however, due to the Endowment Act grant cycles, the total expended for purposes of the 2024 Annual Report is calculated using calendar year awards.

To further expand *Project Safe and Smart*, the CACAC recommended and PCCD approved a total of 15 grants under the EA-Prevention category requesting a total of \$3.4 million in Endowment Act funds in 2024. These grants included prior *Project Safe and Smart* awardees and established new sites throughout the Commonwealth.

Please visit the [Project Safe and Smart](#) webpage for more information.

**Assistance.** In May 2023, a funding announcement was released to support programs or projects assisting youth with problematic sexual behavior (YPSB) under the age of 12 and are child victims of sexual abuse. Eight grants were awarded for a total of \$387,532 in Endowment Act funding with a project period of 10/1/2023 – 3/31/2025. The majority of these projects entail providing trainings to clinicians and/or MDITs on how to provide services to YPSB. The CACAC made the decision not to release additional funding in this category for 2024.

### **Multidisciplinary Investigative Teams (MDITs)**

The second category in Act 1 is multidisciplinary investigative teams (MDITs) established under 23 Pa.C.S. (relating to Domestic Relations). Per [23 Pa.C.S. § 6365](#) (relating to services for prevention, investigation and treatment of child abuse), every county in Pennsylvania is required to develop a MDIT, which is used to coordinate child abuse investigations between county agencies and law enforcement.

Two separate solicitations were released in May 2022 to support the growth of National Children's Alliance (NCA) CACs into counties that currently do not have a CAC or the development of satellite location(s) in counties that may not have enough child abuse cases to sustain an independent CAC. MDITs seeking to develop a CAC within their county, pursuant to [Act 28 of 2014](#), are eligible to apply for funding to support their efforts. Approved applications have a 3-year project period. Due to ongoing interest noted by PENNCAC's CAC Growth Committee, the announcements have remained open, and applications continue to be reviewed and recommended to the CACAC on a rolling basis.

In 2024, the CACAC recommended and PCCD approved one application under the EA-MDIT category requesting \$213,808 in Endowment Act funds to support the Cambria County CAC in establishing a satellite CAC in Bedford County.

### **Child Advocacy Centers**

The third category in Act 1 is child advocacy centers. CACs provide state-of-the-art treatment for the victims of child sexual abuse and child abuse. They coordinate medical care, treatment and other social services for victims while gathering evidence, through age-appropriate forensic interviewing and other methods employed by MDITs, to build an effective case against the alleged offender. By bringing medical professionals, social workers, prosecutors, and police who specialize in child sexual abuse together under one roof, CACs are the most effective way to bring a perpetrator to justice.

The CACAC recommended and PCCD approved a total of 15 applications under the EA-CAC category requesting a total of \$1.49 million in Endowment Act funds in 2024.

## **Victim Service Organizations Providing Services to Children Subjected to Sexual Abuse**

The fourth category in Act 1 is victim service organizations providing services to children subjected to sexual abuse (DVSO). Victim assistance agencies throughout Pennsylvania provide a wide variety of services (e.g., shelter, legal counseling, mental health counseling, etc.) to victims of sexual assault and other crimes.

The CACAC recommended and PCCD approved a total of 15 applications under the EA-DVSO category requesting a total of \$1.49 million in Endowment Act funds in 2024.

## **Treatment Training**

The fifth category in Act 1 is training of persons who are mandated by law to report child sexual abuse or who treat victims of child sexual abuse. The CACAC has determined that this category is two distinct items (i.e., mandated reporter training; treatment training).

***Mandated Reporter Training.*** The CACAC decided not to release any funding for this category in 2024.

***Treatment Training.*** An Endowment Act – Treatment Training solicitation was released in 2024 with the focus on providing funding to support the training of persons who treat victims/survivors of child sexual abuse. Applicants were eligible to apply for up to \$50,000 for two-year projects.

The CACAC recommended and PCCD approved a total of 5 applications under the EA-TT category requesting a total of \$201,868 in Endowment Act funds in 2024.

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