



Office of Research, Evaluation, and Strategic Policy Development

Endowment Act – Treatment Training

Please Note: Applications are *only* accepted through PCCD's Egrants system. Applicants must register in Egrants prior to submitting an application. Applicants are strongly encouraged to familiarize themselves with the Egrants system and allow adequate time to prepare and submit an application.

Prior to starting an application in Egrants, your agency must be registered in Egrants, and at least two individuals from your agency must register as Egrants users and have Egrants user roles for your agency.

Every agency must also have at least one person with the e-signature role in Egrants.

Please refer to the [Getting Started in Egrants](#) page on our website for Egrants registration information and guides.

Egrants Application Deadline: **[September 12, 2025](#)**

This funding guideline contains information not appearing in the Egrants application. Applicants are advised to review this document and refer to it while completing your Egrants application.

PCCD staff may only respond to questions to clarify the funding announcement. Questions must be sent via email to: ra-pccd-cacac@pa.gov with **Endowment Act – Treatment Training** in the subject line. All questions regarding this funding announcement must be received by close of business on [September 10, 2025](#). PCCD staff will post responses to questions, as they are received, on [PCCD's website](#). Select the appropriate funding announcement to view questions and answers.

For any technical or system questions, contact and ask for the Egrants Help Desk at (717) 787-5887 or (800) 692-7292, or by emailing RA-eGrantsSupport@pa.gov.

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Funding Stream: Endowment Act

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Funding Announcement Title: Endowment Act – Treatment Training

Funding Stream: Act 1 of 2013 (Endowment Act)

Submission Requirements for Applications:

- **Scoring** – All applications received will be [competitively reviewed and scored](#) based on the applicant's adherence to the funding announcement guidelines and timely submission in the PCCD Egrants system.
- **Due Date** – Applications must be submitted electronically through PCCD's Egrants system no later than 11:59 PM on Friday, September 12, 2025.
- **Technical Assistance** – Grant application and administrative guides can be accessed on [PCCD's website](#). Applicants are strongly encouraged to review the application and administrative guides before calling the Egrants Help Desk for assistance. The Egrants Help Desk is available to assist with technical or system questions Monday through Friday, 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM, and may be reached by calling (717) 787-5887 or (800) 692-7292, or by emailing RA-eGrantsSupport@pa.gov.
- **Egrants Submission** – An application submitted in Egrants by the deadline is not considered complete until the application has been electronically signed in Egrants, and PCCD has received any required documents. Successful applications will be presented for consideration at the December 10, 2025 Commission meeting.
- **Administrative Rejection** – An application that does not meet all the listed requirements in this funding announcement may be administratively rejected.
- **Corrections** – If PCCD returns an application for corrections, the final application (including all corrections and required documents) must be returned to and approved by PCCD for the requested funding to be awarded.
- **Non-supplantation** – Funding must not be used to supplant/replace state, federal, or local funds that would otherwise be available to provide for program-related services. PCCD funding is to be used in addition to other funds that are made available for services.
- **Keywords** – Applicants are required to select "Keywords" from the dropdown menu located on the Main Summary screen in Egrants. The required keywords are below. Applicants may also select other keywords that apply specifically to their application.

Keywords: Endowment Act

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1. Overview:

The Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency (PCCD) is now accepting applications for funding under the Endowment Act – Treatment Training.

[Act 1 of 2013](#), better known as the “Endowment Act,” directs PCCD to distribute \$48 million in National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) monetary penalties levied on the Pennsylvania State University (PSU) to the victims/survivors of child sexual abuse in the Commonwealth.

Act 1 states: “Unless otherwise expressly stated in the agreement, the funds may only be used within the Commonwealth for the benefit of the residents of this Commonwealth and on any of the following:

- (i) Programs or projects preventing child sexual abuse and/or assisting the victims of child sexual abuse.
- (ii) Multidisciplinary Investigative Teams (MDITs) established under 23 Pa.C.S. (relating to domestic relations).
- (iii) Child Advocacy Centers (CACs).
- (iv) Victim service organizations that provide services to children subjected to sexual abuse.
- (v) Training of persons who are mandated by law to report child sexual abuse or to treat victims of child sexual abuse.”

This funding announcement is specifically for the training of persons who treat adult and/or child victims/survivors of child sexual abuse. Funding under this category is limited to supporting:

- Training that will help medical and mental health providers who treat victims/survivors of child sexual abuse meet National Children’s Alliance (NCA) accreditation standards.
- Training for medical and mental health providers who treat victims/survivors of child sexual abuse in evidence-based programs/practices.
- Other training topics noted by the Children’s Advocacy Center Advisory Committee (CACAC) including:
 - Training for therapists who work with child sexual abuse victims who struggle with problematic sexual behaviors (PSB).
 - Training for therapists who work with victims/survivors of commercial sexual exploitation of children.

Note: Only training and/or treatment provided to victims/survivors of child sexual abuse can be funded.

The goals and objectives of the Endowment Act – Treatment Training (EA/TT) are to support the training of medical and mental healthcare providers who treat children and/or adults who were sexually abused as children.

The anticipated impacts resulting from this solicitation include:

- Increasing the number of trainings that will help medical and mental health providers who treat victims/survivors of child sexual abuse meet NCA accreditation standards.
- Supporting trainings in evidence-based programming/practices for medical and mental health providers who treat victims/survivors of child sexual abuse.

For the purposes of this funding announcement, the term “child” refers to an individual less than 18 years of age, and “sexual abuse” shall refer to the definition of “sexual abuse or exploitation” in [23 Pa.C.S. §6303](#) (relating to definitions). The term “evidence-based” is reserved for programs that have been tested in more than one scientifically rigorous study (such as a randomized control trials) and have consistently been shown to work better than a placebo or no treatment/intervention. See Appendix “A.” Examples of programs that are “well supported by evidence” can also be found at <http://www.cebc4cw.org/home/>.

2. Funding Availability:

A total of \$250,000 in state Endowment Act funds is being announced to support this initiative. PCCD expects to fund five grants with budgets not to exceed \$50,000 for up to a two-year project period.

PCCD is not liable for costs incurred prior to the official start date of the award.

3. Project Dates:

Applications approved at the Commission meeting on December 10, 2025, will be two-year projects and have a start date of January 1, 2026, and an end date of December 31, 2027.

4. Eligible Applicants:

Eligibility for these funds is open to any for-profit entity, non-profit entity, an entity affiliated with a CAC or MDIT (e.g., public agency or hospital), unit of local government, or schools including colleges and universities.

Applicants must be in good standing with PCCD in order to be eligible for these funds.¹ The applicant and recipient agencies’ historical success in implementing PCCD-funded programs/initiatives that met their intended goals will be considered in the review process. Applicants are not required to have a prior history with PCCD to be eligible.

5. Eligible Program Activities and Expenses:

Funds for the proposed program shall be used to support any, all, or one of the following:

- Training that will help medical and mental health providers who treat victims/survivors of child sexual abuse meet NCA accreditation standards.
- Training for evidence-based programs/practices (e.g., Trauma-Focused Cognitive Behavioral Therapy (TF-CBT) or Eye Movement Desensitization Reprocessing (EMDR), etc.) for medical and mental health providers who treat victims/survivors of child sexual abuse.
- Other training topics noted by the Children’s Advocacy Center Advisory Committee (CACAC) including:
 - Training for therapists who work with child sexual abuse victims who struggle with problematic sexual behaviors.
 - Training for therapists who work with survivors of commercial sexual exploitation of children.

¹. This may include, but is not limited to, compliance with PCCD program and fiscal reporting requirements, State and Federal funding guidelines, and acceptable risk rating as determined by PCCD.

NOTE: Only training for individuals serving and/or treating adult survivors and child victims of child sexual abuse can be funded.

All therapists receiving training under these funds are encouraged to work toward certification through their respective program developers process, if applicable.

NOTE: Under this initiative, training does not include conferences. PCCD expects that any training proposed under this solicitation will result in a certification or expertise. International trainings are prohibited.

All expenses must be described in the Justification box located in the Egrants Budget Detail section. PCCD has approval of all final budgets and may require budget adjustments. Each cost should be a separate line item and include the calculation for each item allocated to the grant.

All travel costs must adhere to Federal GSA guidelines:
<https://www.gsa.gov/travel?topnav=travel>

Special consideration will be given to quality projects that encourage regional and/or cross system coordination of services. Factors such as underserved populations, geographic diversity, grantee past performance, and available alternative funding sources will receive consideration by reviewers. Applicants that provide letters of endorsement from other partners within Pennsylvania demonstrating joint support will also receive priority consideration.

6. Ineligible Program Activities and Expenses:

The following program activities are not eligible for funding and shall be administratively rejected:

- a. Luxury items.
- b. Conference costs.
- c. Proposed projects not relating to treating victims/survivors of child sexual abuse who are residents of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.
- d. International trainings.

7. Required Egrants Sections/Documents:

- a. Required Egrants Sections – All sections identified in Egrants are required. Applicants will not be able to submit their grant application in Egrants until all sections are marked as complete.
- b. Required Signed Documents – A successful application must be accompanied by the following:
 - All documents as required under section 8(e).

8. Scoring:

Applicants must submit the requested information for each section specified below within the defined response fields provided in Egrants. Responses should not be duplicated in multiple sections.

The following application sections in Egrants have a point value associated with them and will be scored as described below:

a. **Executive Summary - Maximum of 5 points**

All applicants should fill out the following script and paste into the executive summary section:

The name of applicant is requesting \$_____ to *[provide a single sentence or two of what you are seeking to implement with your grant funding]*.

These funds will be used for the following: *[provide bullet points of what the funds will be used for]*.

b. **Budget Detail - Maximum of 25 points**

The budget detail section must:

1. Provide budget expenses for up to a two-year project. **Note:** The project does not need to run the full two-year period.
2. Provide a clear description of all costs, including training fees and travel costs, for which grant funds will be utilized. Each cost related to the training must be listed as a separate line item.
3. Provide an explanation of each budget item by category in the Justification box provided. If personnel are funded, discuss their activities related to the training.

c. **Statement of Purpose - Maximum of 30 points**

1. Briefly state the project goals, major deliverables, and the anticipated impact/outcome.
2. Discuss the organization's history of providing medical and/or mental health services to child sexual abuse victims/survivors.
3. Discuss the need for the proposed training and why other funding sources are not available. Include data to support the need identified. Applicants must disclose other funding that is currently available to support the project and/or whether other applications have been submitted requesting funding to support the project.
4. Describe how services for victims/survivors of child sexual abuse are coordinated within the county/region and how this project supports the identified need within the county.

d. **Project Description - Maximum of 40 points**

1. Describe the proposed project and how the project relates to the eligible program activities.
2. Provide information regarding the effectiveness of the proposed training program; include any scientific evaluations conducted on the proposed training program. Again, for purposes of this funding announcement, the term "evidence-based" is reserved for programs that have been tested in more than one scientifically rigorous study and shown to be better than a placebo or no treatment/intervention. See "Appendix A" of the funding announcement for more information about what constitutes an "evidence-based" program or the EPISCenter's website at <http://www.episcenter.psu.edu/ebp>.
3. Provide a description of the training, including: the personnel who will be trained, whether there is follow-up needed after the training, what types of certification/expertise the participants will receive, and any other related information.
4. Discuss how the individuals trained will be implementing the skills learned/certifications earned as part of the training program.

5. Include the location where services will be provided and the estimated number of children and/or adult child sexual abuse victims/survivors who will be served by those who are trained.
6. Explain how fidelity to the training program will be monitored and evaluated.
7. Describe how the training ties to the National Children's Alliance (NCA), Pennsylvania Coalition Against Rape (PCAR), or PCCD's Consolidated Victim Service Program Standards.
8. Specify if the project will require a sustainability plan or if the project will be completed at the end of the grant period. Applicants must include a brief sustainability plan for those projects that will not be completed at the end of the grant period. **Note:** PCCD recognizes that some projects may be completed using only the awarded funds and may not require planning to sustain them. However, if the project will require additional funds to sustain them, applicants should plan to assume the costs of awarded projects once grant funds have expired.

e. **Required Attachments**

The following documents must be attached in the Required Attachment section in Egrants:

- **Letter from Training Program Developer/Approved Provider:** Applicants must provide evidence that the training program developer/approved provider is prepared to provide training to your site. Such evidence must consist of a **letter or email** from the chosen training program developer/approved provider (or their designee) to the applicant. The letter must include the following:
 - A statement acknowledging the applicant's request for training if the applicant is successful in obtaining funding for the proposed training.
 - A statement that the developer/approved provider will provide training in a timely manner (i.e. training must not be delayed and must be provided during the project period).
 - The total agreed upon amount that the applicant is requesting to support the costs of the training.
- **Optional County Partner Letters of Support:** Applicants that provide letters of endorsement from other partners in their county demonstrating joint support for the proposed training program will receive priority consideration.

9. Performance Measures:

Under this funding announcement, successful applicants are required to comply with all reporting, data collection and evaluation requirements, as prescribed by PCCD and federal or state guidelines.

10. Competitive Bidding/Sole Source Procurement:

All procurement transactions shall be conducted in a manner that provides open and free competition. Grant recipients must follow the Procurement Standards section in PCCD's [Applicant's Manual](#).

Procurements by noncompetitive proposal are strongly discouraged and must demonstrate an economic benefit or lack of alternate resources to be justified. If a request is made, the prospective applicant must identify the request as a procurement by noncompetitive proposal and provide a substantial justification for the request within their funding request (See PCCD's [Applicant's Manual](#) for Procurement by Noncompetitive Proposal Approval Procedure).

11. Administrative Requirements:

- a. Egrants Agency and User Registration:
Prior to submitting a grant application, both the applicant agency and at least two users from the applicant agency must be registered in Egrants. Applicants are strongly advised to allow adequate time to work on application documents in Egrants prior to the submission deadline. Please go to the [Getting Started in Egrants](#) page on PCCD's website for further information.
- b. Fiscal Accountability:
See the [Fiscal Accountability](#) page on PCCD's website for further information.
- c. Time and Effort Reporting:
See the [Time and Effort Reports](#) page on PCCD's website for further information.
- d. Grant Payments:
 - 1. Payments will not be released until all applicable special conditions on the grant award have been satisfied.
 - 2. All grantees are required, at a minimum, to submit quarterly fiscal reports. PCCD will only make payments to reimburse actual expenditures reported on the fiscal reports. An agency experiencing cash flow problems may submit fiscal reports monthly and PCCD will reimburse reported expenditures. Non-submission or late submission of the required reports will result in payment delays.
 - 3. ACH Payments:
 - 1. All payments to grant recipients will be made through ACH.
 - 2. Either before or at the time an application is submitted to PCCD, the applicant agency must [register as a Non-Procurement Vendor](#) with the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.
- e. Federal Transparency Act Certification:
This section is required for both state and federal funding streams. See the [Federal Applicants](#) page on PCCD's website for further information.
- f. Reporting Requirements:
 - Programmatic reports are due quarterly.
 - Fiscal reports are due quarterly.
 - Late submission of programmatic and fiscal reports may delay payments.
 - All reports must be submitted through the Egrants system.

12. PCCD Contact Information and Resources:

- a. Staff Contacts:
Staff are only able to clarify the funding announcement and are not able to answer any questions about how a potential applicant should respond to any particular section. Questions regarding this funding announcement should be directed as follows:
 - E-mail your funding announcement questions to ra-pccd-cacac@pa.gov with "Endowment Act – Treatment Training" in the subject line.
 - Questions must be received by close of business on Wednesday, September 10, 2025.
 - All questions and answers will be posted under this funding announcement title on the [Funding Announcement Q&A](#) page of the PCCD website.

- b. Egrants Funding Announcement:
Log into the Egrants system and search under the "Funding Announcement" tab for Endowment Act – Treatment Training.
- c. PCCD Guidelines and Documents:
Applicants should be familiar with the [Applicant's Manual](#), grant application and administrative guides, and other documents common to PCCD's grant application process, all of which are available on the [Funding and Grants Process](#) page of the PCCD website.
- d. Egrants Technical Questions:
For any technical or system questions, contact and ask for the Egrants Help Desk at (717) 787-5887 or (800) 692-7292, or by emailing RA-eGrantsSupport@pa.gov.
- e. PCCD Webmaster:
Please address any technical problems you may have with the website or online forms to the [PCCD Web Master](#).
- f. Reporting Potential Fraud, Waste and Abuse:
Information about waste, fraud, abuse, conflict of interest, bribery, gratuity, or other similar misconduct, or whistleblower reprisal relating to a PCCD employee, program, contract or grant, may be reported to the PCCD Fraud Hotline at (717) 525-5031. For more information, visit the [Reporting Fraud, Waste and Abuse](#) page on PCCD's website.

13. Submission Information:

The application must be entered into Egrants **no later than Friday, September 12, 2025 by 11:59 PM.**

The grant application must be electronically signed within Egrants. To electronically sign the application, at least one person from your organization must have the E-signature role in Egrants. Please use the link below to access instructions which explain how to request the E-signature role.

[E-signature Access Request Instructions](#)

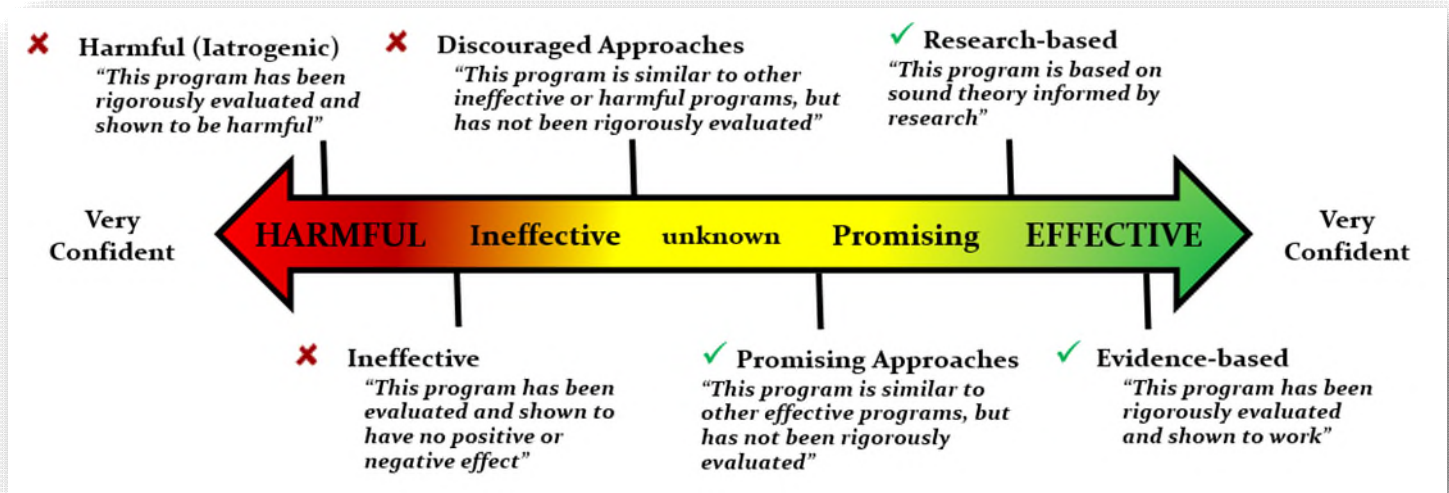
[E-signature Access Request Form](#) (This must be attached to your access request in Egrants)

Please note that you cannot request the e-signature role on behalf of someone else.

Appendix A

What Do We Mean When We Say a Program is “Evidence-based”?

Prevention scientists rate programs along a continuum of confidence:



Researchers examine research studies to determine whether a program:

- ✓ Demonstrated effectiveness in rigorous scientific evaluations including randomized control trials.
- ✓ Was assessed in large studies with diverse populations or through multiple replications by independent researchers (not the developer of the model).
- ✓ Resulted in significant and sustained effects for a minimum of 6 months, post program.

Programs that meet all three of these criteria tend to fall in the green, evidence-based end of the continuum.

How to Identify Highly Rated Evidence-based Programs

Several websites have already done the work of reviewing research studies and rating programs’ effectiveness. Consult these resources to ensure that the programs you want to implement will be effective.

Rating Source	Area of Focus	Website
Blueprints for Healthy Youth Development	Child welfare, juvenile justice	http://www.blueprintsprograms.com
California Evidence-Based Clearinghouse for Child Welfare	Child welfare	http://www.cebc4cw.org/
CrimeSolutions.gov	Criminal justice	http://www.crimesolutions.gov/

What Works Clearinghouse	Education	http://www.ies.ed.gov/ncee/wwc/
What Works in Reentry Clearinghouse	Criminal justice	https://whatworks.csgjusticecenter.org/

Please contact the EPISCenter for additional technical assistance:
EPISCenter@psu.edu (814) 863-2568