

State of Illinois Uniform Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO)
Summary Information

Awarding Agency Name	Public Health
Agency Contact	Linda Kasebier (Linda.Kasebier@Illinois.gov)
Announcement Type	Initial
Type of Assistance Instrument	Grant
Funding Opportunity Number	N/A
Funding Opportunity Title	Childhood Cancer Research
CSFA Number	482-00-3646
CSFA Popular Name	Childhood Cancer Research
Anticipated Number of Awards	1
Estimated Total Program Funding	\$38,792
Award Range	\$0 - \$38792
Source of Funding	State
Cost Sharing or Matching Requirements	No
Indirect Costs Allowed	Yes
Restrictions on Indirect Costs	No
Posted Date	08/03/2026
Application Date Range	08/03/2026 - 09/18/2026 : 4.30pm
Grant Application Link	Please select the entire address below and paste it into the browser... https://idphgrants.com/user/home.aspx
Technical Assistance Session	No



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	Data Field	
1.	Awarding Agency Name:	Illinois Department of Public Health
2.	Agency Contact:	Name: Linda Kasebier Phone: 217-558-2640 Email: Linda.Kasebier@illinois.gov
3.	Announcement Type:	☒ Initial announcement ☐ Modification of a previous announcement
4.	Type of Assistance Instrument:	Grant
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9.	CFDA Number(s):	N/A
10.	Number of Anticipated Awards:	1
11.	Estimated Total Funding Available:	\$38,792.05
12.	Single Award Range:	\$38,792.05
13.	Funding Source: Mark all that apply	☐ Federal or Federal pass-through ☒ State ☐ Private / other funding
14.	Is Cost Sharing or Match Required?	☐ Yes ☒ No
15.	Indirect Costs Allowed? Restrictions on Indirect Costs?	☒ Yes ☐ No ☐ Yes ☒ No If yes, provide the citation governing the restriction:
16.	Posted Date:	8/3/2026
17.	Application Date Range: Leave the 'End Date' and 'End Time' empty if there is no deadline.	Start Date: 8/3/2026 End Date: 9/18/2026 End Time: 4:30 p.m.
18.	Technical Assistance Session:	Session Offered: ☐ Yes ☒ No Session Mandatory: ☐ Yes ☒ No Date and time: Conference Info/Registration Link:

Agency-specific Content for the Notice of Funding Opportunity

A. Program Description

Cancers that affect children from birth through age 14 are known as childhood cancers or pediatric cancers. The childhood cancer research fund is supported by Illinois taxpayers' contributions through their annual state income tax return. The grant award must be used to research childhood cancers or expand current childhood cancer research that must be completed by June 30, 2027. Topics may include, but are not limited to, epidemiology, etiology, pathology, social or economic impacts, in-home care, and psychosocial issues. The grant award is only available to Illinois researchers and is a one-year grant award.

B. Funding Information

This award is utilizing ☐ federal pass-through, ☒ state and/or ☐ private funds.

Funding will be for the period of July 1, 2026 – June 30, 2027. The grant purpose is to fund one awardee for a research project conducted by Illinois researchers on childhood cancer. Quarterly progress reports to the Department will be submitted by the applicant and will be used to track progress made towards achievement of the program goals and objectives. Fiscal reimbursement requests shall be made quarterly. Failure to submit required reports in a timely manner will result in reimbursement delays.

C. Eligibility Information

Regardless of the source of funding (federal pass-through or State), all grantees are required to register with the State of Illinois through the Grant Accountability and Transparency Act (GATA) website, <https://gata.illinois.gov/>, complete a prequalification process, and be determined "qualified" as described in Section 7000.70. Registration and prequalification is required before an organization can apply for an award.

The entity is "qualified" to be an awardee if it:

1. has an active UEI (Unique Identity ID) number;
2. has an active SAM.gov account;
3. has an acceptable fiscal condition;
4. is in good standing with the Illinois Secretary of State, if the Illinois Secretary of State requires the entity's organization type to be registered. Governmental entities, school districts and select religious organizations are not required to be registered with the Illinois Secretary of State. Refer to the Illinois Secretary of State Business Services website: http://www.cyberdriveillinois.com/departments/business_services/home.html;
5. is not on the Illinois Stop Payment List;
6. is not on the SAM.gov Exclusion List;
7. is not on the Sanctioned Party List maintained by HFS.

1. Eligible Applicants

Corporation – Not for Profit; Government Entity; University/Community College. Grant awards are available only to Illinois researchers. Recipients of funds must be institutions and not individuals. Research may be provided by an individual(s) under the authority of an institution. Applicants should submit proposals with a work plan and budget designed to be completed by June 30, 2027.

2. Cost Sharing or Matching

Cost Sharing is not required. Eligible applicants may voluntarily identify indirect costs as a programmatic match, in order to allocate the entire grant award for direct costs.

3. **Indirect Cost Rate**

To charge indirect costs to a grant, the applicant organization must have an annually negotiated indirect cost rate agreement (NICRA). There are three types of NICRAs: a) **Federally Negotiated Rate.** Organizations that receive direct federal funding, may have an indirect cost rate that was negotiated with the Federal Cognizant Agency. Illinois will accept the federally negotiated rate. The organization must provide a copy of the federally NICRA. b) **State Negotiated Rate.** The organization must negotiate an indirect cost rate with the State of Illinois if they do not have Federally Negotiated Rate or elect to use the De Minimis Rate. The indirect cost rate proposal must be submitted to the State of Illinois within 90 days of the notice of award. c) **De Minimis Rate.** An organization that has never received a Federally Negotiated Rate may elect a de minimis rate of 15% of modified total direct cost (MTDC). Once established, the de minimis rate may be used indefinitely. The State of Illinois must verify the calculation of the MTDC annually to accept the de minimis rate.

Annually, each organization receiving an award from a State grantmaking agency is required to enter the centralized Indirect Cost Rate System and make one of the following elections for indirect costs to State and federal pass-through grants:

- I. Federal Negotiated Indirect Cost Rate Agreement (NICRA);
- II. Election of the de minimis rate;
- III. Election not to charge indirect costs; or
- IV. Negotiate an indirect cost rate with the State of Illinois.

The awardee shall make one election or negotiate a rate that all State agencies must accept unless there are federal or State program limitations, caps or supplanting issues.

4. **Other, if applicable**

Indirect Costs are limited to 15% of the total award unless the applicant provides a copy of a current Federally Negotiated Rate Indirect Cost Agreement.

D. **Application and Submission Information**

1. **Address to Request Application Package**

Applications must be submitted via the Illinois Department of Public Health's Electronic Grants Administration and Management System (EGrAMS), accessible at idphgrants.com.

Since high-speed internet access is not yet universally available for downloading documents or accessing the electronic application, and applicants may have additional accessibility requirements, applicants may request paper copies of materials by contacting:
Not applicable.

2. **Content and Form of Application Submission**

The application format is provided via EGrAMS as mandated for all Illinois Department of Public Health Grants and must be completed in its entirety.

3. **Unique Entity Identifier (UEI) and System for Award Management (SAM)**

Each applicant, unless the applicant is an individual or Federal or State awarding agency that is exempt from those requirements under 2 CFR § 25.110(b) or (c), or has an exception approved by the Federal or State awarding agency under 2 CFR § 25.110(d)), is required to:

- i. Be registered in SAM before submitting its application. If you are not registered in SAM, this link provides a connection for SAM registration: <https://sam.gov/SAM/>

- ii. provide a valid UEI in its application; and
- iii. continue to maintain an active SAM registration with current information at all times during which it has an active Federal, Federal pass-through or State award or an application or plan under consideration by a Federal or State awarding agency.

The State awarding agency may not make a Federal pass-through or State award to an applicant until the applicant has complied with all applicable UEI and SAM requirements and, if an applicant has not fully complied with the requirements by the time the State awarding agency is ready to make a Federal pass-through or State award, the State awarding agency may determine that the applicant is not qualified to receive a Federal pass-through or State award and use that determination as a basis for making a Federal pass-through or State award to another applicant.

4. *Submission Dates and Times*

See 17 on Page 1 of this NOFO.

The application must be completed in full and submitted in EGrAMS before 4:30 p.m. on September 18, 2026.

5. *Intergovernmental Review, if applicable*

Not applicable.

6. *Funding Restrictions*

All grant funds must be used for the sole purposes set forth in the grant proposal and application and must be used in compliance with all applicable laws. Grant funds may not be used as matching funds for any other grant program unless specifically allowed under grant program guidelines. Use of grant funds for prohibited purposes may result in loss of grant award and/or place the grantee at risk for repayment of those funds used for the prohibited purpose. Regardless of the source of funding (federal pass-through or State), all grant-funded expenses must be compliant with Cost Principles under Subpart E of 2CFR200 unless an exception is noted in federal or State statutes or regulations.

Allowability

Allowable – All grant funds must be used for items that are necessary and reasonable for the proper and efficient performance of the grant and may only be used for the purposes stated in the grant agreement, work plan, and budget. Items must comply with all applicable state and federal regulations.

Allocable – Grant-funded costs must be chargeable or assignable to the grant in accordance with relative benefits received. The allocation methodology should be documented and should be consistent across funding sources for similar costs.

Reasonable – The amounts charged for any item must be reasonable. That means the nature and amount of the expense does not exceed what a prudent person under the same circumstances would expend; and that the items are generally recognized as ordinary and necessary for the performance of the grant.

Allowed Uses

Funding may be used for the following:

All grant funds must be used for the sole purposes set forth in the grant proposal and application and must be used in compliance with all applicable laws. Grant funds may not be used as matching funds for any other grant program. Use of grant funds for prohibited purposes may result in loss of grant award and/or place the grantee at risk for recouping of those funds used for the prohibited purpose. Expenditure reports must be submitted quarterly. To be

reimbursable under the Department/Office of Health Promotion Grant Agreement, expenditures must meet the following general criteria:

- Be necessary and reasonable for proper and efficient administration of the program and not be a general expense required to carry out the overall responsibilities of the applicant.
- Be authorized or not prohibited under federal, state, or local laws, or regulations.
- Conform to any limitations or exclusions set forth in the applicable rules, program description, or grant agreement.
- Be accorded consistent treatment through application of generally accepted accounting principles, appropriate to the circumstances.
- Not be allocable to or included as a cost of any state or federally financed program in either the current or a prior period.
- Be net of all applicable credits.
- Be specifically identified with the provision of a direct service or program activity.
- Be an actual expenditure of funds in support of program activities, documented by check number, and/or internal ledger transfer of funds.

Prior Approval ONLY

With prior approval, funding may be used for the following:
Not applicable.

Funding Use Prohibitions

Funding may NOT be used for the following:

Unallowable Cost List. Unallowable or prohibited uses of grant funds include, but are not limited, to the following:

- Political or religious purposes.
- Contributions or donations.
- Gift cards.
- Incentives, including but not limited to t-shirts, bags, backpacks, hats, pencils, rulers, coloring books, stress balls, band-aid holders, mugs, and cookware.
- Fundraising or legislative lobbying expenses.
- Payment of bad or non-program related debts, fines, or penalties.
- Contribution to a contingency fund or provision for unforeseen events.
- Food, alcoholic beverages, gratuities, or entertainment.
- Membership fees.
- Interest or financial payments or other fines or penalties.
- Purchase or improvement of land or purchase, improvement, or construction of a building.
- Lease of facility space.
- Any expenditure that may create conflict of interest or the perception of impropriety.
- Audit expenses.
- Equipment.
- Prescription drugs.
- Conference registration fees, including registration fees to attend or exhibit at events that can be defined as fundraisers.
- Exhibit fees.
- Subscriptions.
- Association dues.
- Expenses for credentialing (e.g., CHES certification).

- Airfare.
- Out-of-state travel.

Additional Funding Guidance

Not applicable.

Source Documentation. Accounting records must be supported by such source documentation as canceled checks, bank statements, invoices, paid bills, donor letters, time and attendance records, activity reports, travel reports, contractual and consultant agreements, and subaward documentation. All supporting documentation must be clearly identified with the Award and general ledger accounts which are to be charged or credited. Records must be submitted with required financial reports for all line-item expenditures exceeding \$5000 in a reporting period.

7. Other Submission Requirements

If the applicant encounters technical difficulties with EGrAMS, the applicant may contact the EGrAMS Helpdesk at <https://app.smartsheet.com/b/form/898130b64be64507be8b2bcbea1e27d6>.

E. Application Review Information

Applications will be reviewed on the criteria described below.

1. Criteria

Applications will be reviewed using the following criteria.

1. Scope of Work Section – 60 points
2. Work Plan Section – 20 points
3. Budget Section – 15 points
4. Miscellaneous – 5 points

2. Review and Selection Process

This grant is competitive. A merit-based review will be scored by the Department grant committee consisting of two or more reviewers. Scoring is based on the criteria listed above.

Team Review Process

Merit-based review of applications, unless disclosed above, is conducted by one or more review teams. Each review team will consolidate scores, and final application rankings may be adjusted to address variability between teams.

Merit-Based Review Appeal Process

For competitive grants, only the evaluation process is subject to appeal. Evaluation scores or funding determinations/outcomes may not be contested and will not be considered by the Department's Appeals Review Officer.

To submit an appeal, the appealing party must:

- Submit the appeal in writing and in accordance with the grant application document through IDPH's Merit-Based Review Appeal Request Form available here: <https://app.smartsheet.com/b/form/ed4d113385de41feb38964a8005ce72b>
- Appeals must be received within 14 calendar days after the date that the grant award notice was published.
- Appeals must include the following information:

- The name and address of the appealing party
- Identification of the grant
- A statement of reasons for the appeal
- If applicable, documents or exhibits to support statement of reason

The IDPH Appeals Review Officer (ARO) will consider the grant-related appeals and make a recommendation to the appropriate Deputy Director as expeditiously as possible after receiving all relevant, requested information.

- The ARO must review the submitted Appeal Request Form for completeness and acknowledge receipt of the appeal within 14 calendar days from the date the appeal was received.
- The ARO will utilize an Appeal Review Tool to consider the integrity of the competitive grant process and the impact of the recommendation.
- The appealing party must supply any additional information requested by the agency within the time period set in the request.
- The ARO shall respond to the appeal within 60 days or supply a written explanation to the appealing party as to why additional time is required.

Documentation of the appeal determination shall be sent to the appealing party and must include the following:

- Standard description of the appeal review process and criteria
- Review of the appeal
- Appeal determination
- Rationale for the determination
- In addition to providing the written determination, the grant-making office may do the following:
- Document improvements to the evaluation process given the findings and re-review all submitted applications.
- Document improvements to the evaluation process given the findings and implement improvements into the following year's grant evaluation process.
- Provide written notice to the appealing party as to how the identified actions will be remedied.

Appeals resolutions may be deferred pending a judicial or administrative determination when actions concerning the appeal have commenced in a court of administrative body.

3. *Anticipated Announcement and State Award Dates, if applicable.*

Applications must be submitted no later than 4:30 p.m. on September 18, 2026. Applications will require 2 weeks for review and approval.

Anticipated Announcement Date (if known): 10/2/2026
 Anticipated Program Start Date: 7/1/2026
 Anticipated Program End Date: 6/30/2027

F. Award Administration Information

Not applicable.

1. *State Award Notices*

The grant applications will be reviewed after grant application deadline. Grant award notification will be by October 2, 2026.

A Notice of State Award (NOSA) shall be issued to the finalists who have successfully completed all grant award requirements and have been selected to receive grant funding. The NOSA will specify the funding terms and specific conditions resulting from applicable pre-award risk assessments.

The Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) is exempt from utilizing the standard NOSA issued on the GATA Grantee Portal. Successful applicants will receive an email notification from EGrAMS and must review the funding terms and specific conditions in the grant agreement and accept utilizing an electronically signature. Both the electronic signature in EGrAMS and a physical signature on the grant agreement must be completed by an authorized representative of the grantee organization and submitted to IDPH.

A Notice of Denial shall be sent to the applicants not receiving awards via EGrAMS.

2. *Administrative and National Policy Requirements*

Not applicable.

All grantees receiving one or more federally-funded subawards from IDPH equal to or greater than \$30,000 must provide compensation information within EGrAMS prior to issuance of an award. Grantees will not be able to sign grant agreements or amendment agreements until this requirement is complete. Annual completion of this requirement is necessary for multiyear grants.

3. *Reporting*

The grantee will be required to submit quarterly progress reports on their work plan objectives and quarterly reimbursement certifications within 30 days after the reporting period via EGrAMS. Failure to submit required reports in a timely manner will result in delays with approval of reimbursements. The final report and reimbursement certification are required to be submitted by July 30, 2027.

G. State Awarding Agency Contact(s)

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H. Other Information, if applicable

Not applicable.

Mandatory Forms -- Required for All Agencies

1. Uniform State Grant Application – Available at idphgrants.com for eligible applicants
2. New to EGrAMS, click [HERE](#) to see how to Get Started
3. Project Narrative (included in EGrAMS application)
4. Budget (included in EGrAMS application)
5. Budget Narrative (included in EGrAMS application)

Other program-specific mandatory forms:

Work Plan

Subcontractor Disclosure Form (if applicable)

Biographical Sketch(es) or Curriculum Vitae(s)