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Funding Opportunity Available for Community in Unity Project

SACRAMENTO - The California Department of Social Services' (CDSS) Office of Child Abuse Prevention recently announced the availability of approximately \$300,000 per year to fund Community in Unity initiatives across the state.

The purpose of this grant is to support and develop strategic projects that identify sustainable approaches to reducing the major risk factors of abuse, neglect, poverty and substance abuse, within communities throughout California.

“By developing practices that build community collaboration, we have the ability to provide resources to empower families and avert the maltreatment of children,” says CDSS Director Will Lightbourne. “Local non-profit and community organizations, business and government are vital in the effort to remove major risk factors for children in communities throughout our state.”

This grant will provide approximately \$60,000 per year of federal funding for up to five non-profit organizations for the Community in Unity Program for Fiscal Year 2016-17 and Fiscal Year 2017-18. The grant period begins July 1, 2016, and runs through June 30, 2018.

The Request for Application process is now open. Qualified nonprofit organizations are encouraged to apply.

The deadline for applications is April 22, 2016 at 5:00 p.m. (PST).

For more information on this and other grant opportunities with the Office of Child Abuse Prevention you can go to <http://www.cdss.ca.gov/ocap/PG4742.htm>.

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