



## Request for Applications # 2023CHS519RFA

## Addendum # 1

**ADDENDUM DATE ADVERTISED: 1/26/2024.**

**ORIGINAL DATE ADVERTISED: 12/29/2023.**

**Title:** Promoting First Relationships-Agency Training Project 2024

**Number:** 2023CHS519RFA

**Due Date:** No later than Feb 07, 2024, 05:00 PM

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This Addendum provides the following clarifications and additional information about the referenced solicitation:

**Provide Technical Assistance consultants for this RFA:**

- Attachment: TA flyer.
- Attachment: TA Consultants.

All other terms of Request for Applications # 2023CHS519RFA remain unchanged.

*This Addendum will be provided in alternative formats upon request.*

# Application Assistance: Getting Help With Your Best Starts Proposal!



## How to get FREE application assistance during your next Best Starts RFP process:

1. Visit [bit.ly/BestStartsTA](https://bit.ly/BestStartsTA)



2. Choose a Technical Assistance consultant you want to work with

3. Email the Technical Assistance consultant directly, request Best Starts TA for a specific RFP, and share your availability.

Need help responding to a Best Starts for Kids Request for Proposal (RFP)? Get FREE help navigating the application process. At Best Starts, this is also called Technical Assistance (TA)! TA is available to all sizes and types of applicant organizations, with a special emphasis on small community-based organizations and organizations that have not accessed public funding before.

### What can a Best Starts' Technical Assistance consultant do for me and/or my organization?

- Help determine if your organization/program is a good fit for the RFP/RFQ/RFA;
- Guide you through the logistics of the application process;
- Help you “tell your story”;
- Help you find data to bolster your narrative;
- Help you fully answer application questions.
- Review and help edit your drafted answers.
- TA is NOT grant writing. The Best Starts TA Consultant can provide editing and suggestions for improvement!

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*As a small organization, our TA consultant's help was invaluable to our organization. We do not have a grant writer on staff, and our consultant helped us to craft a much stronger proposal than we might have had otherwise.*

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### Questions?



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## Best Starts for Kids 2022-2024 Technical Assistance (TA) Consultants

### Bulle Consulting



Hassan Wardere of Bulle Consulting has worked with numerous community-based organizations, government agencies, and as a consultant. He has assisted in developing programs that are culturally responsive creating a collaborative process that is community driven. Hassan prioritizes a Return on Relationship model that promotes authentic connection, and cross-functional collaboration in programs. He grew up in Denver, Colorado, and graduated from the University of Colorado. Other than English, Hassan is fluent in Somali and Swahili. He has also served as a Citywide Review Team member for the City of Seattle's Neighborhood Matching Fund. Specific experience includes project management and TA with immigrant and refugee CBOs and grassroots organizations.

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### Cloudbreak Collective

Cloudbreak Collective elevates and clarifies nonprofit fundraising so that its clients have what they need to achieve their missions. They believe that well-written grant applications can be meaningful catalysts to growth, collaboration, and impact. The Cloudbreak grants team has worked with more than 100 nonprofit organizations across a wide spectrum of missions including health, food security, youth development, economic development, social services, education, arts, and environmental sustainability. They currently work together to submit 50+ strategic grant applications each month to foundation, corporate, and government funders. With each new client, they seek to apply proven strategies to the unique challenges, missions, and contexts of each organization, while telling stories that feel authentic to each community's voice.



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### Crux Consulting Consortium

Crux provides wide-ranging technical assistance and capacity building services to passionate, equity driven organizations. Catherine Verrenti, the primary lead for grant assistance with Crux, brings over 20 years in direct service leadership, including extensive successful grant writing, to this work, leveraging programmatic experience in areas including youth development, education, workforce development, health, homelessness, seniors, immigrant/refugee issues, food security and more. She listens deeply to what organizations seek to accomplish through each grant opportunity to customize a partnership that ensures each proposal submitted is compelling, responsive, and achievable. She sees her role as ensuring that community providers tell their stories through the proposal process to best meet their missions. **Contact:** [catherine@verrenticonsulting.com](mailto:catherine@verrenticonsulting.com)



### Dicentra

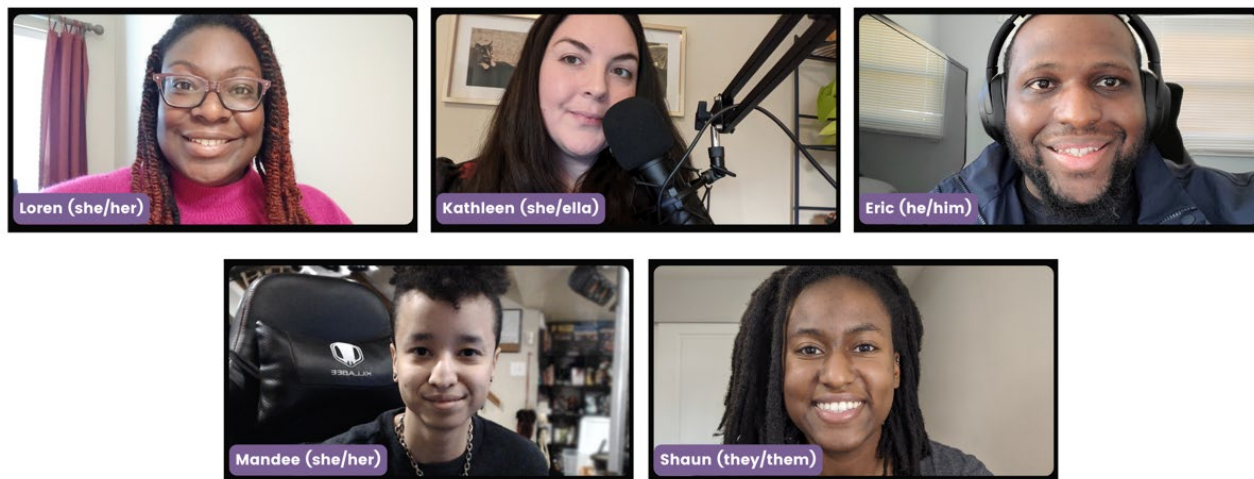
Dicentra Consulting's team -- Swee May Cripe, Ashenafi Cherkos, and Karen Cowgill -- is delighted to have this opportunity to support CBOs to apply for BSK funds. Our team speaks Amharic, Tigrigna, Spanish, French, Malay, and Cantonese. We have skills and many years of experience in writing proposals that get funded, designing projects, analyzing data, and conducting evaluations. We focus on building



transformational relationships that are based on trust and respect. We understand that every person has value and we want to help you promote voices from your community. We will first listen to understand the vision and

mission of your CBO and what you hope to do with BSK funds. Then we will agree together on how we can best support you to tell your story. We are excited to help you craft strong proposals that will be funded and lead to successful programs! **Contact:** [askdicentra@gmail.com](mailto:askdicentra@gmail.com)

## Inclusive Data



Inclusive Data is a consulting team of grant winners and tech wizards who teach and support clients to create community-led solutions. We've honed our grant skills into an \$18+ million playbook for Black & Brown non-profits and small businesses in our community all while centering liberation frameworks. For Best Starts for Kids, we provide both Technical Assistance and IT Capacity-Building in English, Spanish, and Tagalog. A strong grant proposal demonstrates an organization's ability to build effective partnerships. If you want help creating your own irresistible grant proposals or robust coalitions, we're your team. We will work with you on grant proposal strategies, planning, checklists, and editing. Contact us today to start your winning proposal. **Contact:** [bsk@inclusivedatasolutions.com](mailto:bsk@inclusivedatasolutions.com) or (253) 693-0235

## **Optimum Nonprofit Consulting**

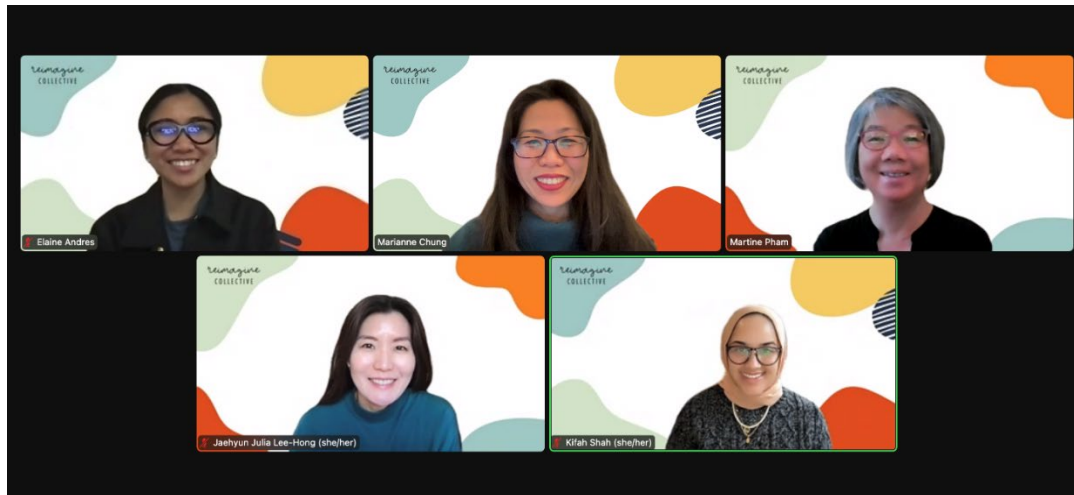
Optimum Nonprofit Consulting (ONC) is a collective of experts (DeAndrea, Hillary, Chase, and Donald) with experiences across the fields of grant writing, accounting, human resources, marketing, education and social justice services. With over 60 years of combined involvement supporting nonprofits and social service organizations throughout King County, our track record is lined with successes. ONC realizes that small, diverse organizations are well connected to their communities with specialties for addressing the needs of families and children. Thus, for Community Based Organizations seeking BSK funding, ONC will provide enlightening assistance for meeting RFP requirements. Proposals are thoroughly reviewed, suggesting edits, metrics, and giving guidance for uplifting the power and personality of an organization in their submission. ONC's Hillary Rose provides technical assistance. ONC's coaching fosters growth through capacity building while ensuring proposals are culturally responsive and centered in equity strategies.

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## [reimagine collective](#)



*reimagine collective* is an association of mission-driven Asian American strategists, organizers, coaches, and designers. With decades of technical assistance and capacity

building experience to draw upon, the collective strives to reimagine how people come together to cultivate themselves and their communities. reimagine has 20+ years of experience training community-based organizations in grant writing. For community outreach and coalition building, we work with leaders to build strategy, tactics and tools to advance their goals. We also help set up appropriate infrastructures for human resources.

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## [RHL Consulting](#)



RHL is committed to fostering an equitable society where leaders in human services advance the collective power, knowledge and systems that build well-being within communities. Along with equity, relationships are at the center of our work. Our role is to listen carefully so we may understand our CBO clients' cultural practices, values, and ways of being, trust community wisdom, and co-develop strategies that strengthen organizational assets. Together we are excited to support you to grow your leadership capabilities, develop fundraising, facilitate strategic growth, mission, vision, and values, build partnerships, magnify your IT, and write successful funding proposals. No matter the task, we come prepared with our values of community, generosity, and integrity, open minds, laughter, and a big toolbox of resources and methods we have used, developed, and co-adapted to suit each organization's culture, needs, and interests. **Contact:** [rhlconsultingteam@gmail.com](mailto:rhlconsultingteam@gmail.com)