



September 2, 2025

Dear Prospective Applicant,

We are excited to announce the release of the Building Blocks Mini-Grants Request for Applications (RFA).

First 5 Contra Costa Children and Families Commission invites Contra Costa-based nonprofits and community groups with a fiscal sponsor to apply for one-time mini-grants that support community advocacy projects. These projects should build awareness, strengthen community voice, and advance policies and systems that benefit children ages 0–5 and their families.

A total of **\$20,000 is available**, with **individual awards of up to \$4,000** each. All projects must be completed by June 30, 2026.

To be considered, applicants must submit a completed application and required attachments through the First 5 Online Application Portal by Tuesday, September 30, 2025 at 12:00 PM PT.

We highly encourage applicants to attend the Informational Webinar on Tuesday, September 9, 2025 at 1:00 PM PT. The webinar will provide an overview of the mini-grants, review eligibility and requirements, and walk through the online application process. [\[Register Here\]](#).

If you have questions about this RFA, please contact Lisa R. Johnson, Grants & Contracts Manager at grantsandcontracts@first5coco.org.

We also ask for your support in sharing this opportunity with your networks and community partners who may benefit from this funding. More details and application materials are available on the First 5 Contra Costa website under [“Funding Opportunities.”](#)

Thank you for your continued partnership in helping us ensure that all children in Contra Costa grow up healthy, ready to learn, and supported in safe, nurturing families and communities.

Warm regards,
The First 5 Contra Costa Team