



# NC DHHS Notice of Funding Availability

## Reporting Form

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**DHHS Division/Office issuing this notice:**

Division of Social Services/Child Welfare Services/Adoption Services

**Date of this notice:** January 23, 2017

**Working Title of the funding program:** Post Adoption Support Services Request for Application

**Purpose- description of function of the program and reason why it was created:**

The purpose of the Request for Application (RFA) is to award grant funds through contracts with outside sources to provide Post Adoption Support Services (PASS). PASS agencies, with community collaboration, will provide services to prevent child maltreatment, adoption dissolutions and foster care entry while improving the quality of life for children and their families. These services will ensure the permanency and well-being of adopted children and their families. If the contract is not executed, families and children will be at risk of child maltreatment, adoption dissolutions and foster care entry.

The Division of Social Services will award a maximum of **\$1,818,818** in award funds for SFY 2017/2018. The total award period will be three-years, SFY 2018-2020, with subsequent annual amounts to be determined based on availability of funding. The RFA is needed as an essential competitive bid process for ensuring that the most comprehensive services are selected. Without it, the Division is without a competitive process by which to select qualified service contractors.

**Description- Brief statement of nature and scope of the program:**

The North Carolina PASS program will develop, operate, and/or expand Post Adoption Support Services to ensure the permanency and well-being of adopted children and their families. RFA responders will demonstrate the capacity to achieve positive outcomes for adoptive families, regardless of the child(ren)'s age or the type of adoption. Contracts will be awarded throughout the state.

The North Carolina PASS program will award funding to agencies that meet *all* of the following requirements:

1. Utilize screening and a functional assessment for case planning with families.
2. Promote the five protective factors and children's social and emotional well-being.
3. Demonstrate an understanding of trauma-informed services as they relate to clients and staff.
4. Demonstrate collaborative relationships with community partners in the provision of services to families.
5. Demonstrate positive outcomes through accountability and evaluation tools.

**Eligibility:**

Any tribal government, community-based, public or private nonprofit, tax-exempt organization (including faith-based), school system or local government agency that is duly incorporated and registered under North Carolina Statutes is eligible to apply. It is important that the proposed project does not overlap with existing programs in the county. Factors to take into account when considering program overlap are populations served, duplication of program sites, etc.

**How to Apply:** Visit <http://www2.ncdhhs.gov/dss/pubnotice/> to download the application.

**Letter of Intent Due:** January 30, 2017

**Deadline for Submission:** February 20, 2017 at 5:00PM

**How to Obtain Further Information:**

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