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LETTERS OF SUPPORT FOR EXTERNAL PARTNER GRANTS

The Department of Children and Families is committed to supporting our community partners in efforts to seek additional funding that will enhance their ability to meet the needs of the Department's children and families. If you are interested in a Letter of Support from the Department, please submit the below information at least two weeks prior to your grant due date to allow sufficient time for review. Without the two week lead time, the Department will make efforts but cannot guarantee a letter of support can be completed. Please send your requests to diane.rosell@ct.gov.

1. A link to the grant solicitation you are applying for.
2. The proposed funding amount for the grant.
3. A draft of the Letter of Support you are seeking. This letter should include:
 - a. The name of the grant and the grant number;
 - b. The date that the grant is due;
 - c. A description of the project for which you are seeking to fund;
 - d. The scope of the proposal you are applying for; and
 - e. A clear articulation of the partnership you want to establish with the Department and include whether you are seeking a match or reporting requirements from DCF, pending a grant reward.

For further assistance, there is a Letter of Support sample for your review on the next page:



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Date:

To:

Date Due:

Re: Grant Name and Number

The Connecticut Department of Children and Families (DCF) supports [redacted]

[redacted] works collaboratively at the community level addressing the needs of underserved populations, especially young men. He has authored several articles examining the social, emotional, and physical outcomes of male adolescents who are fathers and involved with Connecticut's child protection services. We recognize that adolescent fathers are a vulnerable population who need support from all sectors of the community. [redacted] proposed study will examine how coping resources mediate the impact of ecological systems on health outcomes, delinquent behaviors, and subsequent fatherhood, which allows DCF to begin documenting the number of adolescent males who are fathers or fathers-to-be. This information is critical to us as we plan our service array needs. The proposed study will help our agency understand the unique needs of young men in our care, as well as their health and paternity risks.

DCF's commitment to support this research will include providing data to [redacted] and his research team at [redacted], subject to the approval of the Institutional Review Boards at both [redacted] and DCF. Pending a grant award and IRB approval from each organization and in accordance with the terms and conditions of a Data Use Agreement, DCF's Office for Research and Evaluation will provide available data maintained by the Department. In addition, DCF employees, [redacted] [redacted] are also committed to helping [redacted] in the recruitment of participants and data collection. Their support will be in-kind, and covered through their salaries paid by the State of Connecticut.

Thank you for the opportunity to support this proposal. We believe that through this research project, [redacted] [redacted] will continue to address issues relevant to our community and to the youth we serve.

Sincerely,