



REQUESTING FUNDING FROM THE COMMISSION

1. **Multi-Year Grants** – Every three years, the First 5 Lake Commission has a history of posting a “Request for Proposals” to fund multi-year projects serving families with children, prenatally through age 5. The next RFP will be posted no sooner than October, 2022.
2. **Mini-Grants** – Requests for one-time funding of \$5,000 or less, for specific projects benefiting children prenatally through age five and/or their families, can be submitted in writing at anytime during the year and will be considered on a case-by-case basis. The First 5 Lake Commission historically sets aside money in its annual budget for special projects of this nature.
3. **Event Sponsorship** – Organizations hosting events that benefit young children and their families may request fiscal sponsorship, in writing, at any time during the year and will be considered on a case-by-case basis. The First 5 Lake Commission historically sets aside money in its annual budget for special projects of this nature and awards are typically between \$150 and \$1,500.
4. **Emergency Grants** – Occasionally in its history, First 5 Lake has been able to respond to larger “emergency” grant requests in the community. These awards sustain existing programs benefiting young children and/or their families that have experienced a sudden loss of funding and require gap funds to continue providing services until an alternate source of sustainable funding can be secured. These requests must be submitted in writing (including a budget, program goals, cost savings implemented, and a sustainability plan) and a leader in the organization must attend a First 5 Lake meeting to answer questions about the funding request prior to approval. If awarded, the organization must provide regular programmatic and sustainability updates to the Commission as prescribed.

Written requests for all funding types can be emailed to first5lake@lakecountyca.gov.