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Subject: Children's Trust grant opportunity - need assistance  
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Christian,

We have been approached to partner with the Campaign to Prevent Teen Pregnancy and apply for a new federal funding opportunity. We have worked with them in the past and are currently working on a collaborative project they have funded through the Duke Endowment. This new opportunity: *Pregnancy Assistance Fund Program (PAF): Support for Pregnant and Parenting Teens and Women*, focuses on "providing support for States (and tribes) to develop and implement programs to improve the educational, health, and social outcomes for expectant and parenting teens, women, fathers and their families. The PAF aims to strengthen access to and completion of education (secondary and postsecondary); improve child and maternal health outcomes; improve pregnancy planning and spacing and reduce the likelihood of repeat pregnancies; increase parenting skills for mothers, fathers, and families; strengthen co-parenting relationships and marriage where appropriate, increase positive paternal involvement; decrease intimate partner violence; and raise awareness of available resources." Anticipated funding is \$24 million that will be expected to fund up to 32 grants in the amount of \$500,000 to \$1,500,000 per year for a 4-year project period.

Children's Trust and The Campaign believe our combined efforts will allow us to be competitive and have a strong chance of being selected. And if selected, would help us address this critical issue in South Carolina – which is ranked 12<sup>th</sup> for the rate of teen pregnancy in the US. I am writing to you because, Children's Trust would need to be "officially authorized" to apply. The wording states: "The authorized representative from the State or tribe must apply for grant funds available through this announcement to assist expectant and parenting teens, women, fathers and their families. A signed letter from the authorized representative must accompany the application and should include documentation establishing the authorized representative's authority to apply for and administer the grant funds on behalf of the State or tribe. OAH will accept only one application per State or tribe."

I have attached the grant for your review. Please advise how to proceed with authorization.

Thanks,

Sue

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