## EXAMPLES OF ELIGIBLE AND INELIGIBLE PROJECT COSTS PROUD PARENTING GRANT PROGRAM

## **Eligible Project Costs: Examples**

The following project-related costs are eligible for reimbursement if paid for with grant funds. These costs may also be claimed as match. Grantees must maintain adequate supporting documentation for all costs, both grant and match, claimed on invoices.

- 1. Salaries and benefits for project staff;
- 2. Services and supplies directly associated with the project;
- 3. Travel necessary for the success of the project;
  - In-state travel costs incurred by city/county employees will be reimbursed in accordance with city/county travel policy. In-state travel costs incurred by staff of community-based organizations or other subcontractors will be reimbursed in accordance with the State of California's travel policy.
  - Out-of-state travel is restricted and only allowed in exceptional situations. Grantees must obtain prior approval from the BSCC for any out-of-state travel by submitting an out-of-state travel justification, detailing travel agenda and scope. The justification must be complete and show the benefits to the project in terms of the relationship to the projects goals, objectives, and activities.
- 4. Professional or consultant services, including services provided by community-based organizations and auditing agencies, associated with the project. Any services provided must meet all state and local licensing requirements;
- 5. Fixed assets necessary for the project. Note: The expenditure of grant funds for fixed assets exceeding \$3,500 per item requires prior approval from the BSCC. The project manager must submit a written declaration that the equipment to be purchased is: 1) to be used for services directly associated with the project, 2) essential to the success of the project, and 3) less expensive than leasing or renting the equipment for the grant period (based on a thorough investigation of lease and rental options);
- 6. Lease payments for office space and/or equipment needed for the project;
- 7. Miscellaneous costs for stipends, transportation, books and supplies, special equipment, job related/training materials, and apprenticeship costs for program participants;
- 8. Purchase or lease of a vehicle necessary for the project. Note: The expenditure of grant funds to purchase or lease a vehicle requires prior approval from the BSCC. The project manager must submit a request describing the need for the vehicle, the anticipated impact on the project if the request is not approved, and the agency that will operate the vehicle, provide insurance, and assume liability; and
- 9. Indirect grant project costs are shared costs that cannot be directly assigned or identified to a particular activity but are incurred and necessary to the operation of a grantee-organization and the performance of the project. Examples of indirect costs include, but are not limited to, rent and utilities, office supplies, administrative salaries and fringe benefits (such as managerial, clerical, accounting, human resources, and information technology).

## **Ineligible Project Costs: Examples**

Ineligible project costs include but are not limited to:

- 1. Site acquisition and/or construction costs;
- 2. Fixed assets over \$3,500 per item, unless the BSCC approves a written declaration from the Project Manager as described under Eligible Project Costs;
- 3. Supplanting existing programs, projects, resources, or personnel;
- 4. Personal injury compensation or damages arising out of or connected with the project, whether determined by adjudication, arbitration, negotiation, or otherwise;
- 5. Fines and penalties due to violation of or failure to comply with federal, state, or local laws and ordinances;
- 6. Costs outside the scope of the approved project or activities not directly related to the approved project;
- 7. Interest on bonds or any other form of indebtedness required to finance project costs;
- 8. All costs incurred in violation of the terms, provisions, conditions, or commitments of the grant agreement;
- 9. All costs arising out of or attributable to grantee's malfeasance, misfeasance, mismanagement or negligence;
- 10. All costs arising out of or connected with subcontract claims against the grantee, or those persons for whom the grantee may be vicariously liable, including, but not limited to, any and all costs related to defense or settlement of such claims;
- 11. Guns, ammunition, and body armor;
- 12. Use of grant funds to "buy-out" unused sick leave, vacation/administrative leave time not accrued during the grant period. Grant funds may only be used to "buy-out" any period of time an employee was assigned to the program and paid with grant fund;
- 13. Use of grant funds for out-of-state travel, unless pre-approved by BSCC on a caseby-case basis;
- 14. Bonuses or commissions;
- 15. Purchase of military-type of equipment;
- 16. Lobbying activities;
- 17. Fund raising activities; and
- 18. Costs incurred outside the grant period.