



## July 2021 - Funding Request Summary

I.	State General Operating Funds for CACs:	\$ 9.2 M
II.	Child Sexual Abuse Medical Exams & Programming:	\$ 2.32 M
III.	ARPA Funding (Lost Revenue + Mental Health)	<u>\$ 2.90 M for 3 years or \$8.7M</u>
<b>TOTAL ANNUAL FUNDING REQUEST</b>		<b>\$ 14.4 M</b>

### Detailed Request for Funding

#### *I. Increased State General Operating Funds for CACs*

In 2019, Children's Advocacy Centers (CACs) launched a new program designed to expand and improve services to child victims and their families. An in-depth analysis of the last 6 months of this project is outlined in the attached Multidisciplinary Enhancement Program (MEP) Report.

The initial phase of this program has been funded with temporary startup funding. In order to fully expand this program statewide, CACs will need additional funding from the state in alignment with the demands for an increase service delivery.

An analysis of the data from SFY 2021, demonstrates that CACs will see an average of a 70% increase in services. In order to sustain the projected increase in service delivery, CACs request an increase in the current state general funds as detailed below.

Current Operating Budget for 15 CACs in Kentucky:	\$ 15 M
Additional funding needed to serve additional children:	<u>\$ 10 M</u>
Total Operating Budget needed for increased services:	\$ 25 M
Current state general fund allocation to CACs:	\$ 4.2 M
Additional state general fund request (50% of need):	\$ 5 M
<b>Total Annual Request for State Funding to CACs:</b>	<b>\$ 9.2 M</b>

## **II. Medical Programming**

### **1. Child Sexual Abuse Medical Exams**

**Child sexual abuse medical exams are complex** in nature and involve more than just an analysis from a physician. Per Kentucky Medicaid regulations, CAC medical exams involve a mental health screening, a “well-visit” exam, a forensic exam, photo-documentation, nurse examination and when necessary, labs.

Average cost of a medical exam at a CAC: \$ 2,174

#### Funding Sources Available

Current amount covered by Medicaid: \$ 538

*(note: the Medicaid rate has not changed in 20 years)*

Child Victims Trust Fund: \$ 100

Remaining expense absorbed by CAC: \$ 1,536

Projected number of exams annually: 1,000

**Total annual request to fund medical exam shortfall \$1,536,000**

### **2. Funding for Multi-disciplinary and Court System Medical Services**

In addition to time in the exam room, CAC medical professionals are required to:

- Consult on cases with the multidisciplinary teams investigating abuse;
- Travel to case review throughout an area development district;
- Participate in peer review;
- Complete continuing education; and
- Prepare for and attend court hearings.

Expectation of physician time per week outside of the exams: 2 hours (104/year)

Number of medical providers anticipated: 60

**Cost per hour \$100 x 104 hours annually x 60 providers = \$624,000**

### **3. Need for Specialized Support and Training**

CAC medical providers require training, technical assistance, and support to provide high quality services.

Consulting services with Six Board Certified Pediatricians  
(1400 total hours per year @ \$100/ hour). \$ 140,000

Access to on-going training opportunities: \$ 20,000

**Total Annual Support and Training Request: \$ 160,000**

**Total Annual Medical Programming Request: \$ 2,320,000**

### ***III. American Rescue Funding Allocation to replace the loss in revenue***

#### ***CACs are experiencing a decrease in federal funding***

CAC Kentucky requests an allocation of federal American Rescue Act Funding to replace federal funding as a result of the COVID 19 pandemic. CACs are roughly 50% funded by the Victims of Crime Act (VOCA). The amount of VOCA funding received by the state of Kentucky has declined in part as a result of fewer court cases during the pandemic. This year, Kentucky's Justice Cabinet indicated that VOCA funding awards will be reduced by 30%, as a result of lower amounts coming into the federal fund. Experts project that funding levels will return in 3-4 years. In the interim, CACs are in need of funding to replace this loss of revenue.

Total Current VOCA funding to CACs:	\$6.8M
Projected loss in VOCA funding @ 30%:	\$2.0M

#### ***CACs are experiencing an increase in mental health services***

The number of mental health services requested and provided by CAC staff members have increased during the pandemic. In order to manage the need for additional services, CACs request funding for one additional professional per area development district.

\$60,000 (salary + fringe) x 15 CACs	\$900,000
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Total ARPA funding request:	\$2.9M annually for (3 years) or \$8.7M
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