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# Impact Project

## Tribal Lead Agency Frequently Asked Questions

### What Is an Impact Project?

The Office of Child Care (OCC) and Child Care State Capacity Building Center (SCBC) invite state, territory, and Tribal Lead Agencies to apply for long-term intensive technical assistance through the Impact Project.

The Impact Project helps states, territories, and Tribal Lead Agencies develop and expand their capacity for planning, investing in, and implementing quality early childhood systems, policies, and practices. States, territories, and Tribes will design projects—new or already underway—that are meaningful to them and based on their context, vision, and goals for the development of a strong early childhood system.

Through the Impact Project, states, territories, and Tribes receive intensive consultation and technical assistance for 2–4 years from a dedicated consultant. Projects should address one or more of the following Child Care and Development Fund purposes:

- ◆ Leadership and coordination
- ◆ Outreach and education
- ◆ Financial assistance
- ◆ Equal access
- ◆ Standards and monitoring
- ◆ Child care workforce
- ◆ Quality improvement
- ◆ Grantee accountability

OCC and SCBC will give additional consideration to projects focusing on the following OCC priorities:

1. Fully carrying out the Child Care and Development Fund program
2. Spending down federal coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) relief funding
3. Supporting or compensating the early childhood education workforce

## Learn More

- ◆ View [general materials](#).
- ◆ View the [slides and video](#) from the optional overview webinar.
- ◆ Read about [Current and Past Impact Projects](#) to get ideas for projects.

### Can a Tribal Lead Agency Apply for an Impact Project?

Yes, if there is a collaborative element between the Tribal Lead Agency and a state. The Tribal Lead Agency and the state should apply jointly. The Impact Project will take the lead and coordinate with Tribal Child Care Capacity Building Center (TCBC) in the delivery of services.

### Can a Tribal Lead Agency Apply for an Impact Project without Collaborating with a State?

No. If a Tribal Lead Agency is interested in pursuing intensive technical assistance without state collaboration, TCBC can deliver intensive technical assistance services. The Tribal Lead Agency should not apply for the Impact Project if it does not collaborate and apply jointly. Please contact TCBC directly to learn about potential technical assistance.

### Can a State Apply for an Impact Project to Work on Improving Its Collaboration with a Tribal Lead Agency?

Yes. In this case, the Impact Project will take the lead. The Impact Project will coordinate with TCBC to deliver services. OCC and SCBC encourage the state to invite the Tribal Lead Agency to participate in the management team.

### What Is TCBC's Role in Reviewing Joint Applications for Impact Projects?

If an application involves a Tribal Lead Agency, TCBC will review it.

### What Is the Regional Office's Role in Reviewing Applications?

Regional Offices will provide expert review and feedback on applications within their respective Regions. OCC and SCBC will also ask them to provide state, territory, and Tribal context and potential start-up issues related to work on the project.

## What Is the Timeline for Impact Project Applications?

Date	Activity
February and March	Opportunity to have conversations in your state or Region to determine interest and possible projects
March 28	Applications due
April 10	Virtual meetings with applicants
April 24–28	State, territory, and Tribe notifications

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