

# NAS Abatement Trust

## Request for Letters of Interest

**Announcement:** The NAS Monitoring Trust is announcing the availability of grant funds to support research or implementation projects focused on children diagnosed with Neonatal Abstinence Syndrome at birth or within the 4 weeks of birth through exposure to prenatal opioids during their mother’s pregnancy (“NAS”). Grant recipients will use the grant funds to create programs that focus on preparing children with a history of NAS to be ready to enter or to succeed in school, early intervention to improve outcomes for mother and child, and providing resources and solutions designed to address the challenges faced by individuals and communities impacted by NAS (“NAS Abatement Programs”).

Pursuant to the NAS Monitoring Trust Agreement and the NAS Monitoring Trust Distribution Procedures, the Trust Advisory Committee (the “TAC”) will award a total of approximately \$1,000,000 to support this initiative. The NAS Monitoring Trust expects to fund two or three grants based on recommendations from the TAC and ad hoc reviewers appointed by the TAC. Maximum awards of \$250,000 per year are available for projects extending over two or three years.

**Grant Process:** The Trust Advisory Committee (TAC) will evaluate all Letters of Interest submitted by grant applicants and invite selected applicants to submit a full grant application describing the proposed project in much greater detail. Full grant applications must be submitted online using a customized link that will be sent securely to selected applicants. The TAC will evaluate, and rank all submitted applications and make recommendations to the NAS Monitoring Trust for funding approval. Full grant applications will be required to be submitted to the NAS Monitoring Trust no later than October 1, 2023. All decisions of the TAC and the NAS Monitoring Trust are final.

**Letter of Interest:** Please submit a Letter of Interest (“LOI”) describing your proposed NAS Abatement Program and how you would use the grant funds to further the mission of the NAS Monitoring Trust. **Please submit all LOIs by 5:00PM EDT on June 1, 2023 to [info@nasmonitoringtrust.com](mailto:info@nasmonitoringtrust.com).** Upon review of the submitted LOIs, the TAC will invite certain applicants to submit a full grant application.

### **LOI Requirements:**

1. **Proposition Statement:** Describe how your project will benefit those at risk for developing NAS and/or communities or populations affected by NAS.
2. **Statement of Need:** The “why” of your project.
3. **Your Unique Solution:** How your proposed NAS Abatement Project addresses the needs of NAS children/families
4. **Project Activities:** The “what” and “how” of your project; what you plan to accomplish through research in this area and how you propose to use funding from the NAS Monitoring Trust to further your research.
5. **Team & Collaborators:** Describe your team including its size, represented skills, diversity, external advisors, mentors, collaborators, partners; and how you involve stakeholders in the communities you serve to ensure diversity, equity, and inclusion.
6. **Proposed Outcomes:** Describe how your project may help change human lives and how many NAS children/families will be impacted.
7. **Next Steps:** How will you scale (expand) and sustain this project after the funding period.
8. **Closing Statement:** Give any additional information that you feel will help us invite a full proposal.
9. **Format Guidelines:** Maximum 2 pages, Arial Font size 11, 1-inch margins.

### **Process Rules:**

1. Letters of Intent should follow the above format guidelines as described to avoid risk of rejection.
2. An organization can only submit only one LOI; multiple or duplicate letters from the same organization will be returned without further review.
3. Questions or clarification regarding the grant process may be sent via email to: [info@nasmonitoringtrust.com](mailto:info@nasmonitoringtrust.com).
4. Any attempt to influence this grant process by contacting organizers, TAC members, staff, or by any other means, will lead to immediate and permanent rejection of your proposal.

We look forward to receiving your LOI in connection with this opportunity and the possibility of working with you to support the services available to children who have been affected by NAS.