# 2023 **Racial Justice Grant**

## CALL FOR PROPOSALS

The Council for Exceptional Children’s Racial Justice Grant encourages and supports work focused on addressing the issues related to the ongoing racial disparities in educational experiences, opportunities, and outcomes for individuals with disabilities from minoritized racial groups. Grants up to $1,000 are awarded to CEC members for initiatives engaging practitioners, children/youth, families, or other stakeholders in support of students with disabilities from minoritized racial groups

Examples include, but are not limited to:

* Developing Professional Learning Communities related to intersections of race and disability in direct support of students with disabilities
* Professional development or mentoring programs centered on retention of diverse P-12 educators
* Culturally responsive interventions directly serving students with disabilities from minoritized racial groups.
* Advocacy and community-based initiatives serving students with disabilities from minoritized racial groups

Awardees may be asked to present outcomes of the activity at a CEC conference or professional development event.

## ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

### Proposals must meet the following requirements to be considered:

* The applicants(s) must be individual members of CEC at the time of application and not organizations, community groups, schools, CEC Divisions, Units, Chapters, etc.)
* A Racial Justice Grant award cannot have been awarded to the applicant(s) in the past three years;
* Award recipients must submit a post-activity report of the project within three months of the completion of the project (format at recipient’s discretion);
* Funding may be used to purchase non-consumable supplies/materials, speaker honorariums, or other event costs;
* Funds may not be used for travel, planner stipends, research participation fees, or food;
* No indirect costs may be taken by the host institution;
* Priority will be given to projects that have other partners aligned to support the work (school/community groups, Divisions/Units, partner organizations, etc.).
* to return unspent funds.

## CONTENTS AND SUBMISSION

### Proposals must be submitted using the attached templates and sent to Brannan Meyers at bmeyers@exceptionalchildren.org, no later than March 13, 2023. Proposals should include:

* Cover Page —template attached
* Budget Summary (including amount of request, potential partners and their contributions , and please specify origin of estimates and justification)—template attached
* Proposal (limited to two pages) that includes:
	+ the rationale, methods of implementation, goals, and measurable outcomes;
	+ brief comments on how the project meets the purposes of the Racial Justice Grant
	+ Potential partners and their contributions
	+ how the project aligns with the [goals and objectives of CECs strategic plan.](https://exceptionalchildren.org/strategicplan)
* Project Timeline – template attached

## REVIEW CRITERIA

### Proposals will be reviewed and ranked using the following criteria. It is the responsibility of the individual submitting to ensure these elements are included in the proposal.

* Impact of the activity (number of individuals affected);
* Relevance of content/goals addressed;
* Appropriateness of the budget;
* Feasibility of completing the project within the timeline provided (12 month maximum).

## AWARDS AND REPORTING

Applications for 2023 awards will open January 31, 2023, and close March 13, 2023. Awards will be made by April 7.

For questions regarding the **Racial Justice Grant**, contact Brannan Meyers at bmeyers@exceptionalchildren.org

# Cover Page

## PROJECT INFORMATION

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| Project Title: |  |
| Applicants Name:  |  |
| Applicants Email and Phone Number: |  |

Description of Proposed Activity

\*\*\*Include a 150-word description of proposed activity, which will be shared with the CEC Board of Directors. \*\*\*

Audience

\*\*\*Describe the audiences involved\*\*.

# Budget Summary

**BREAKDOWN**

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Grant Request/Other Financial Support** \*\*\* |  | **Project Expenses** |  |
| **Source** | **Amount** |  | **Description** | **Amount** |
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| **TOTAL** |  |  | **TOTAL** |  |

*\*\*\*Provide information on the amount being requested, plus any additional pledged funds or other sources for financial support for this project that have been identified*

RATIONALE

*\*\*\*Include any additional information regarding your budget and why these expenses are necessary to reach the goals and outcomes of this project. Including any documentation or justification of expenses.*

# Project Proposal

*(This section is limited to two double spaced pages)*

# Project Timeline Template

*(You will be asked to update this timeline on your interim and final report)*

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| **Month** | **Tasks to be accomplished** | **Date Completed** |
| Pre-Funding |  |  |
| April 2023 |  |  |
| May 2023 |  |  |
| June 2023 |  |  |
| July 2023 |  |  |
| August 2023 |  |  |
| September 2023 |  |  |
| **Interim Report Due** |
| October 2023 |  |  |
| November 2023 |  |  |
| December 2023 |  |  |
| January 2024 |  |  |
| February 2024 |  |  |
| March 2024 |  |  |
| **Final Report Due** |
| Post-Funding |  |  |