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**RE: DCNEXT! Innovation Challenge for Expecting and Parenting Teens**

 **FAQ**

**Funding Opportunity Eligibility**

* Any organization with ability to reach our targeted population, D.C. Expectant and Parenting Youth are encouraged to apply
* Non-Profits and For Profits are eligible (Tax Status)
* Organizations can submit multiple Innovations for consideration

**Innovation Challenge Areas of Interest**

Areas of interest: Below are Context Team members (expectant and parenting teens) view of major challenges that young parents face in Washington, DC.

* Criticism of being a Teen Mom
* Child Care
* Juggling School, Children and Schedules
* Not having social support needed personally and for their children
* Lack of communication with domestic partners
* Not having fathers involved with parenting
* Children changing parent’s mental health
* Huge expenses related to having a child

***Organizations who have compelling ideas outside of these areas are welcome to submit.***

**DCNEXT! Mission**

Build a collaborative DC system through collective impact that prioritizes expectant and parenting teens, amplifies their voice, improves their quality of life, and builds their capacity to make healthy

decisions about relationships, sex, parenting, education and their future.

 **DCNEXT! Vision**

All teen parents are successful, make positive impacts in their community, and have access to programs and resources necessary to build a better future for themselves and their children.

**Innovation Proposal Application Requirements**

* Applications must be received by **5:00pm Tuesday June 14th 2022**
* Organization must complete the full application
* Applications must have proposed budgets of $35,000 or less
* Proposed budgets reflect scope and requirements of proposed Innovation
* Organization must identify one primary contact

**Selection Criteria**

 A. Youth Experience and Access to our target population

* + Prior experience working with and serving DC youth
	+ Prior experience and/or expertise working with expectant and parenting teens

B. Innovation, Alignment, & Evidence

* Degree of Innovation
* Alignment with DCNEXT!’s Mission and Vision
* Evidence of relevance or need for Expectant & Parenting Teens in Washington, DC
* Innovation’s Theory of Change is consistent with proposed project’s goals

**Selection Process**

* A Selection Review Committee will be conducting the process, composed of DCNEXT! Leadership members and Context Team members (D.C. Expectant & Parenting Teens)
* Organizations may be contacted during selection review process if needed
* Award Notification: Week of June 27th
* Questions, at any time during the submission and selection process are welcomed. Please contact: Iana Clarence, DC NEXT! Project Manager, iclarence@dcpca.org