



Special Tri-Provincial Research Call-out November 1, 2017

Prairieaction Foundation (PAF) is committed to funding research that leads to community awareness related to issues of violence and abuse in our community and specifically provides grant funds for research that engages in solution focused outcomes that lead to better programs to keep our communities safer. PAF is requesting one Tri-Provincial research project to be conducted in the specific area outlined below.

The Intersection between Criminal and Family Court and Children's Involvement in the Process as it Relates to Intimate Partner Violence.

There has been considerable concern regarding children falling through the cracks when families are navigating both the family and criminal courts in matters of intimate or family violence. Navigating two courts is challenging for the families and children are almost always the ones to suffer when there is a delay in proceedings or a lack of information sharing. Children also have little involvement in the process. Prairieaction is calling for research to explore this issue using the below criteria:

- Research must have a qualitative focus with emphasis on understanding the current literature in this area.
- PAF is concerned with the impact of the criminal and family courts on children's safety, protection, and well-being. Research must include:
 - i. An environmental scan of stakeholders connected to topic area.
 - ii. How are children who have been exposed to IPV placed at the centre of planning and involved in the process?
 - iii. The processes for including children in decision making and having their voices heard?
 - iv. What recommendations, if any, that may emerge from the findings of the research.
- Must ensure there is a partnership between an academic and/or university and community organizations that have experience/background on this issue.

- Identify in-kind contributions and/or donations.
- Increased reporting required to the Research Coordinator, CARE Grant Committee as the research progresses – see details below.
- Funding up to \$50,000.

Additional Details

The successful applicants will be required to complete the following with the full proposal:

- Outline methodology, budget, including in-kind contributions and donations and timelines for completion.
- Provide two letters of support from community based organizations in the other provinces.
- Meet with the PAF Research Coordinator upon approval of the grant to provide overview and to detail the operationalization of the research.
- Provide quarterly progress reports to the Research Coordinator, Care Grant Committee that includes an interim report at the midpoint of completion of the work, and a final report as per CARE Grant guidelines outlined in acceptance letter.
- Make presentation to the Board of Directors upon completion of the research work, highlighting outcomes and knowledge gained.
- Upon completion, the dissemination of the findings must include community sharing.
- **DEADLINE for funding application/proposals is February 28, 2018.**

PAF only funds organizations that are community based and are registered charities with Canada Revenue Agency. Organizations are expected to work in partnership with academic researchers or other relevant partners. PAF does not fund outside of the Prairie Provinces.

