

National Council on Problem Gambling Launches Agility Grant Program to Support Problem Gambling Prevention Initiatives

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Washington, DC – The <u>National Council on Problem Gambling</u> (NCPG) today launched its new Agility Grant program. This strategic initiative, funded by the National Football League Foundation, will offer funding to nonprofit organizations across the country for problem gambling prevention programs.

Building on NCPG's mission and values, the Agility Grant investments will center on three core principles: innovation, collaboration and amplification. NCPG expects to be able to award \$20,000 - \$40,000 grants to 4-6 nonprofit organizations through this initiative in round 1. Agility Grants will seek to support problem gambling prevention program growth in areas across the United States where currently there is a lack of adequate programming. In doing so, this will lead to harm reduction and improved well-being for individuals and families in more communities around the country.

"Problem gambling prevention providers are historically under-resourced. These Agility Grants will provide support and help build some much-needed momentum towards reducing the long-term personal, social and economic costs of problem gambling," said Keith Whyte, NCPG Executive Director. "Funded projects will foster new ideas, elevate new voices and create new partnerships to strengthen the efficacy of prevention programming. We encourage all eligible organizations to apply."

Applications for the first round of funding are being accepted today through February 22, 2022, with funding award announcements made in March 2022. Applications will be evaluated on several criteria, including alignment to the Agility Grants program principles and funding pillar strategies, as well as anticipated community impact. Further details are outlined in the application form. To apply, visit https://www.ncpgambling.org/agility.

Organizations may apply for Agility Grants under one or both strategic funding pillars:

- Prevention Innovation: To foster and accelerate the development, deployment or research of gambling addiction prevention programs and curricula to address key at-risk and priority populations.
- Amplification: To increase community awareness, response and support through the identification and elevation of new leaders, partnerships and voices within the problem gambling community-especially prioritizing youth and leaders of color.

The Agility Grant program is open to U.S. nonprofit organizations with 501(c)(3) public charity designation by the IRS (or fiscally sponsored by a nonprofit organization). To support equitable access to

this grant funding, NCPG will provide assistance to interested applicants who seek to better understand the requirements for applying for an Agility Grant. For more information, visit https://www.ncpgambling.org/agility.

NCPG anticipates the round two Agility Grant application will become available for competition in late Summer / early Fall 2022.

About the National Council on Problem Gambling

Based in Washington DC, the National Council on Problem Gambling is the only national nonprofit organization that seeks to minimize the economic and social costs associated with gambling addiction. If you or someone you know may have a gambling problem, contact the National Problem Gambling Helpline, which offers hope and help without stigma or shame. Call or text 1-800-522-4700 or visit www.ncpgambling.org/chat. Help is available 24/7 – it is free and confidential.

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