



# Economic Analysis

## OVERVIEW

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Children's Trust of South Carolina seeks proposals from qualified economists to conduct a study calculating the direct and indirect costs of child abuse and neglect in South Carolina.

Children's Trust is the state's largest network of community-based organizations working to prevent child abuse and neglect. Its mission is to strengthen families, organizations, and communities to prevent child abuse and neglect. Our vision is a South Carolina where every child thrives.

All proposals will be treated with the highest confidence and used internally in our decision-making process. All proposals must be submitted to Sarah Knox [sknox@scchildren.org](mailto:sknox@scchildren.org) by 11.59 pm on **Tuesday, December 31, 2024**.

Select proposals may be asked to participate in an interview as part of the selection process. All consultants will be notified of the decision by Tuesday, January 14, 2025, with immediate implementation following contract execution. Questions may be submitted via email to [sknox@scchildren.org](mailto:sknox@scchildren.org).

## SCOPE OF WORK

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### Study Design

The qualified consultant will be responsible for developing a comprehensive study that will accurately capture the direct and indirect costs of child abuse and neglect in South Carolina. The study should utilize data from Children's Trust, the South Carolina Department of Social Services, and other necessary sources. Applicants should detail the method(s) they will use to calculate these costs in their submission.

### Study Presentation

Children's Trust aims to use the study completed by the qualified vendor as evidence that the costs of child abuse and neglect are higher than the cost of preventing child abuse and neglect. In this respect, the chosen vendor will be asked to be made available for presentations of the completed study to stakeholders including but not limited to the Children's Trust Board of Directors, the General Assembly, and the media. Applicants should include their experience with presenting data in their submission.

### Required Deliverables

- Comprehensive report on the costs of child abuse and neglect in South Carolina

## VENDOR(S) EXPECTATIONS

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- **Relevant experience:** Demonstrated experience in developing and presenting economic studies.
- **Collaborative approach:** Ability to effectively work with Children's Trust staff and partner agencies, demonstrating strong communication skills for coordination and feedback.

- **Quality assurance:** Commitment to upholding data integrity and ethical standards
- **Client satisfaction:** Responsive support and openness to feedback, with a dedication to meeting client needs and continuous improvement

## SUBMISSIONS OF PROPOSALS

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Please include the following information in your submission:

1. **Introduction:** Provide a summary of your strategy for this project. Provide a history of your organization and experience with similar projects
2. **Personnel:** Please provide a brief description of the qualifications and experience of your staff that will be working on this project and provide their resumes or CVs as attachments.
3. **Work Plan:** Provide a narrative description of how you will meet the requirements outlined in the project's scope. Also, include any data needs you would have in this section.
4. **Timeline:** Please provide a timeline for the project that includes when the study will be started and completed.
5. **Budget:** Please provide a budget summary and justification. This can be a separate document in an Excel spreadsheet or a PDF document. Children's Trust does not require a detailed budget. It does require enough information to demonstrate you understand the requirements for the project and have planned for implementation costs needed to complete the project successfully.

All proposal components should be contained within a single PDF document, appropriately labeled and in the above order. Web addresses and/or links to sample work are acceptable. Any attachments to the proposal may not be considered.

All proposals should be emailed to Sarah Knox by 11:59 PM, **Tuesday, December 31, 2024**. Select proposals may be asked to participate in an interview as part of the selection process. Confirmation receipt will be sent by email within 48 business hours. If you do not receive confirmation, please call 706-339-8304. Any proposals received after the due date may not be considered.

## TERMS AND CONDITIONS

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A successful bidder will not release records or information related to Children's Trust or its entities unless an application for public information is submitted and approved by the Children's Trust board of directors. Children's Trust reserves the right to reject any or all proposals received, to request clarification of any proposal, to request a face-to-face interview, to waive informalities or irregularities, and to select a service provider not based solely on the lowest cost.

All work products and creative assets developed for this project will become the sole property of Children's Trust. Pricing included in the proposal must be valid for at least ninety (90) days and may not be modified, withdrawn, or canceled. Children's Trust will not pay for any information requested herein, nor is it liable for any costs incurred by the participant in responding to this request.

All proposals submitted become the property of Children's Trust and will not be returned. None of the information released either verbally or in writing shall be deemed binding to Children's Trust in any manner. All proposals or offers must be signed by a duly appointed officer or agent of your company. All proposals will be kept confidential.