



Ask a CSC

Question:

At a recent board meeting, one of our members asked whether other CSCs or Trusts prioritize ZIP codes with identified gaps when finalizing funding decisions. If so, please share any relevant contract or policy language that informs this approach.

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Responses

Leon

CSC Leon prioritizes zip codes as determined by our Needs Assessment and reviews the updated available data prior to releasing procurements.

Miami

The Children's Trust in Miami-Dade has prioritized ZIP codes and neighborhoods in the past within specific RFPs for specific purposes/initiatives; in particular, for our afterschool and summer programs, and also for our birth-to-5 book club. There is no across the board policy that guided that work. Each was a tailored needs assessment for the specific topic. Each RFP (attached) has a section describing our approach for identifying priority areas of need in each case.

For example, for book club, we used data related to K-readiness, 3rd grade reading, an early child development indicator we had at the time (no longer), and child poverty. Description in attached RFP on page 2, with additional detailed resource docs reference also attached.



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For AS/Summer, we just compared our current distribution of program slots relative to the proportion of children and youth in poverty for each census designated place to identify those that were relatively under-represented (see attached RFP starting bottom of pg 10 and link to the referenced detailed docs at

<https://thechildrenstrust.app.box.com/s/aenk5mpr4bh639sg0i54fi1gqc3ayvkj>).

Palm Beach

CSC's contracts for service provision include the entire county; however, there are some provider contracts that include language identifying target zip codes or geographic areas of service delivery based on data demonstrating higher levels of need (e.g., child well-being indicators, or service gaps). In this instance, an Agreement with a Provider may state the following: "The Provider shall target service delivery to participants residing in the following zip codes..." or other geographic boundaries based upon community needs data. This aligns with CSC's overall funding policies and strategic priorities, which emphasize data-driven decision-making and resource allocation to ensure that investments reach children and families with the greatest needs.