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**Pediatric Cancer Trust Fund Seeks Applications for First-Ever Grant Awards**  
*Money Will Support Research, Treatment for Childhood Cancer*

**FRANKFORT, Ky.** (Sept. 1, 2017) – September is national Childhood Cancer Awareness Month. Today, Cabinet for Health and Family Services (CHFS) Secretary Vickie Yates Brown Glisson announced the Kentucky Pediatric Cancer Research Trust Fund will accept applications for its first round of research grants for institutions and agencies dedicated to the treatment and cure of childhood cancer.

“These first-ever grants from the Kentucky Pediatric Cancer Research Trust Fund will go toward childhood cancer research for Kentucky kids,” said Jamie Ennis Bloyd, mother of a childhood cancer survivor and President of the Kentucky Pediatric Cancer Research Trust Fund. “These projects are funded by citizens from all across the Commonwealth who chose to ‘check the box’ on their state income tax returns. For a long time Kentucky has focused only on the adult cancer burden. Now, not only are we publicly recognizing childhood cancer as the number one cause of death by disease for children, we are doing something about it.”

Eligible grant applicants include non-profit entities, educational institutions and government agencies in the Commonwealth of Kentucky. Each applicant must offer research or treatment that seeks to address the needs of the Commonwealth.

To qualify for an award, applicants must demonstrate a need for the stated research or treatment; list goals and objectives; and list outcomes directly connected to the research or treatment, among other criteria.

“We have made great strides in the detection and treatment of cancer, but we must focus more resources and efforts directly to childhood cancer and lessening the burden of this terrible disease,” said Sec. Glisson. “The Cabinet is honored to support the mission of the Pediatric Cancer Research Trust Fund and we look forward to being able to support more research and treatment within the Commonwealth.”

The Pediatric Cancer Research Trust Fund was created to enhance efforts to reduce pediatric cancer incidence and mortality. These efforts target the program needs and challenges specific to population groups and geographic regions. The trust fund was created by the legislature in 2015. Kentuckians can support the trust fund by using a check-off option on their tax returns to contribute all or a portion of their Kentucky state income tax refunds. Contributions to the trust fund will be used to advance promising Kentucky programs promoting pediatric cancer research and treatment.

For answers to questions on how to complete the application and any forms related to the application process, please email [Pediatric Cancer Research Trust Fund](#) or call (502) 564-7996. The complete application is (can be found at the [Pediatric Cancer Research Trust Fund website](#)).

For more information on National Childhood Cancer Awareness Month, go online to the [American Childhood Cancer Organization](#).

*The Cabinet for Health and Family Services is home to most of the state's human services and healthcare programs, including the Department for Medicaid Services, the Department for Community Based Services, the Department for Public Health, and the Department for Behavioral Health, Developmental and Intellectual Disabilities. CHFS is one of the largest agencies in state government, with nearly 8,000 full- and part-time employees located across the Commonwealth focused on improving the lives and health of Kentuckians.*