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**Organizational Description**
Indiana University, is a public institution with more than 94,000 students and 2,350 tenure faculty members across ten campuses. IU has more than 200 independent multidisciplinary research centers with $604 million in external funding.

**Use of Program Funds**
The Indiana University School of Social Work and its partners propose to develop and implement the **Strengthening Indiana Families** (SIF) project. SIF's vision is to develop an innovative, data-informed, community-based, strengths-focused multisystem partnership in Madison, Delaware, Tipton, and Grant Counties in Indiana to establish an integrated continuum of prevention-focused evidence-based services to strengthen protective factors, address family safety, and wellbeing needs early, and mobilize communities to gain family support, decrease the need for formal intervention, and, thus, decrease foster care entry. Embedded in the vision is the commitment to promoting safety and wellbeing, to providing supports to strengthen protective factors and improve the life trajectory of all children and families in the target area, and to transforming primary prevention service delivery.

**Expected Outcomes**
Expected outcomes include: (1) Reduce foster care entry by implementing comprehensive integrated early linkages to prevention-focused community-based evidence-informed services and strategies before formal child welfare intervention is necessary; (2) Enhance overall wellbeing outcomes for all children and families in the target area by strengthening protective factors and addressing safety and wellbeing needs of families; (3) Develop coordinated strengths-based prevention-focused strategies across multiple sectors responding to the particular needs of the target communities; (4) Improve cross-system accountability and decision-making through coordination, monitoring, and reporting on strategies and outcomes across sectors; and (5) Determine SIF effectiveness, identify factors and strategies associated with successful installation, implementation, and sustainability efforts, and disseminate useful products that will inform practice, policy, and research.