

Preschool Development Grants

What are Preschool Development Grants?

Preschool Development Grants will support states to build, develop, and expand voluntary, high-quality preschool programs for children from low- and moderate-income families.

There are two types of grants.

Development: for states with small or no state-funded preschool programs

Expansion: for states with larger state-funded preschool programs and/or a Race to the Top – Early Learning Challenge (RTT-ELC) grant



How was the program developed?

In response to President Obama's call to expand access to high-quality preschool to every child in America, Congress appropriated \$250 million for the program in fiscal year 2014. Together, the U.S. departments of Health and Human Services (HHS) and Education (ED) solicited public comment about the design of the program. Through three website postings, ED and HHS received more than 600 comments. The agencies also hosted a public testimony session to garner additional feedback.

Fast Facts: Development and Expansion Grants

Development Grants

Total Funding Available: \$80 million

Type of Grant: Competitive

Award Range: \$5 million–\$20 million per year (for four years)

Eligibility: States that both currently serve less than 10 percent of four-year-olds and have not received an RTT-ELC grant

Number of States Eligible: 16

Expansion Grants

Total Funding Available: \$160 million

Type of Grant: Competitive

Award Range: \$10 million–\$35 million per year (for four years)

Eligibility: States that currently serve 10 percent or more of four-year-olds or have received an RTT-ELC grant

Number of States Eligible: 36

For more information on Development and Expansion grants, see the reverse side.

How can states qualify for a Development grant?

- ◆ Prospective grantees will demonstrate an ambitious and achievable plan to implement and sustain high-quality preschool programs that can reach and serve additional eligible children in one or more high-need communities.
- ◆ Up to 35 percent of the grant award may be used for state-level infrastructure and quality improvements.

How can states qualify for an Expansion grant?

- ◆ Prospective grantees will demonstrate an ambitious and achievable plan to implement and sustain high-quality preschool programs that can reach and serve additional eligible children in two or more high-need communities.
- ◆ Up to 5 percent of the grant award may be used for state-level infrastructure and quality improvements.

How will applicants be selected?

Applicants will be selected based on the quality of their plans to

- Commit to implement high-quality preschool programs;
- Implement state-level infrastructure and quality improvements;
- Collaborate with sub-grantees and ensure strong partnerships between school districts and other early learning providers;
- Align preschool programs within a birth-through-third-grade continuum of services; and
- Create sustainable programs by coordinating existing early learning funds, and projecting costs and number of children served.

Applications are due on Tuesday, Oct. 14, 2014.

What are the competitive priorities for this grant?

Applicants can receive additional points under the following competitive priorities:

- Contributing matching funds,
- Supporting a birth-through-third-grade continuum, and
- Using at least 50 percent of their funding to create new state preschool program slots.



For more information, please visit
<http://www2.ed.gov/programs/preschooldevelopmentgrants/index.html>