



Illinois
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Early Childhood Block Grant

FY20 RFP

Live Technical Assistance Webinar

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Current Grantees



- Entities who were awarded an FY19 grant may apply for additional slots under this RFP
- Applicants who do not wish to apply for additional slots do not need to apply under this RFP
- Applicants funded in the FY19 cycle are funded for 5 years, subject to appropriation
- Entities who are barred from receiving State or Federal funds as a result of being on the Stop Payment list are ineligible to apply for funds under this RFP

Funding Opportunities



- Programs may apply for one or more funding opportunities
- PFA provides at least 12.5 hours weekly of high-quality preschool to provide children with a foundation of knowledge and skills that allows them to be successful throughout their school experience
- PFAE provides high-quality preschool programs that include a full school day of instruction and comprehensive services in the areas of medical, dental and mental health
- PI provides intensive, research-based, and comprehensive child development and family support services for expectant parents and families with children from birth to age 3 to help them build a strong foundation for learning and to prepare children for later school success

Purpose of ECBG



- The applicant must plan to serve a high number of children and families determined to be the most in need of the services provided by the Preschool for All program
- The program should be in a location where there is an insufficient number of other programs and services to fully serve all children and families who potentially could be at risk

Grant Period



- The competitive grants are for programs to implement beginning in FY 20
- The grant period will begin no sooner than July 1, 2019, and will extend from the execution date of the grant until June 30, 2020
- Funding in the three subsequent years will be contingent upon a sufficient appropriation for the program and satisfactory progress in the preceding grant period

Who is Eligible to Apply?



- Regional Office of Education
- Public school districts
- University laboratory schools approved by the Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE)
- Charter schools
- Area vocational centers
- Public or private entities with experience in providing educational, health, social and/or child development services to young children and their families

GATA



- The State of Illinois Grant Accountability and Transparency Act (GATA) requires applicants to complete pre-qualification requirements before applying for an FY 2020 grant
- This includes completion of the Grantee Registration and Pre-qualification process through the Illinois GATA Web Portal at <https://www2.illinois.gov/sites/GATA/grantee/pages/default.aspx>
- Grant applications must be submitted by the application deadline indicated in this NOFO/RFP

Priority Consideration



- Priority consideration shall be given to awardable proposals from entities that propose to offer services to children who reside in Tier I or Tier II district boundaries
- AND**
- That can document a local gap in service provision in their area

Funding Priorities



Proposals shall be separated into the following three funding categories:

- 1) Proposals serving children who are at-risk from entities that propose to offer services to children who reside in Tier 1 or Tier II district boundaries and can document a local gap in service provision in their area
- 2) Proposals serving primarily children whose families meet income guidelines
- 3) All other proposals

Funding Information



- Individual grant awards are based on sufficient appropriation by the Illinois General Assembly
- ISBE anticipates making individual grant awards with priority given to proposals from entities that propose to offer services to children who reside in Tier 1 or Tier II district boundaries and that can document a local gap in service provision in their area
- Applicants should request funds to facilitate services to the most at-risk families

Budget



- **Budget Summary and Payment Schedule**
 - Attachment 8
 - The budget **MUST** be submitted on this form. No other budget form will be accepted
 - The payment schedule should be based on the projected date of expenditures
 - For current grantees who are requesting additional slots, the budget should reflect only the new slots being requested.

- **Budget Breakdown**
 - Attachment 9
 - Budget breakdown explains sufficient explanation of expenditures

Program Narrative



- **Program Narrative**
 - Questions 1-6
 - Attachment 4
- **Objectives and Activities**
 - Questions 7-16 PFA/PFAE; Questions 7-17 PI
 - Attachment 6
- **Evaluation Design**
 - Questions 17-18 PFA/PFAE; Questions 18-19 PI
 - Attachment 7

IECAM DATA



- The Illinois Early Childhood Asset Map (IECAM) website <http://iecam.illinois.edu/> can be used to assist in finding data needed to complete the proposal
- Specific data requests can also be made to IECAM through the website

Application Review



- **The scoring is based upon the following criteria:**
 - Need is defined as the identification of stakeholders, facts, and evidence that demonstrate the proposal supports the grant program purpose.
 - Priority consideration shall be given to awardable proposals from entities that propose to offer services to children who reside in Tier 1 or Tier II district boundaries and can document a local gap in service provision in their area
 - Capacity is defined as the ability of an entity to execute the grant project according to the project requirements
 - Quality is defined as the totality of features and characteristics of a service, project, or product that indicate its ability to satisfy the requirements of the grant program
 - Applicant is located within a Tier 1 or Tier II district boundary and can document a local gap in service provision in their area
- **Proposals that score under 60 points will not be funded**

Selection Criteria



- Up to five points will be given for each criteria
- The section number and question in the parenthesis following the criteria indicates the portion of the proposal that will be used to determine if the criteria has been met

- Section 1: Population to be Served – 30 points
- Section 2: Quality of Proposed Program – 40 points
 - Specific requirements of implementing the grants can be found within the compliance checklist for each grant opportunity and the [Illinois Administrative Code 235](#)

 - Preschool for All/Preschool for All Expansion Compliance Checklist:
 - Items 1-20 are required of all programs administering the Preschool for All grant and should be reflected in grant proposal
 - Items 1-37 are required of all programs administering the Preschool for All Expansion grant and should be reflected in grant proposal

 - Prevention Initiative Compliance Checklist
 - Home Visiting and Center Based: Items 1-26 are required of all programs administering the Prevention Initiative grant and should be reflected in grant proposal
 - Family Literacy: Items 1-27 are required of all programs administering the Prevention Initiative grant and should be reflected in grant proposal

 - Budget will be considered in this section

Selection Criteria (cont.)



- Section 3: Experience and Qualification – 20 points
- Section 4: Priority Consideration – 10 points
 - Applicant is proposing to serve children located within at least one Tier 1 or Tier 2 district/district boundaries and can document a local gap in service provision in their area
 - Entities who can document a local gap in service provision in their area. (Letters from other providers or IECAM data, or completion of Attachments 12 and 13 or information from the programs community needs assessment documenting there is a need for additional slots in the community)

Proposal Format



- Two submission options:
 - Electronic submission – Proposals scanned into one PDF; ISBE Attachment Manager submission directions found on page 4 of the RFP
 - Paper format – Mail one hard copy and one USB flash drive
- Use appropriate attachments
- Use the list provided in the RFP as a checklist in assembling your completed proposal
- Make sure that your authorized official has signed in all the appropriate places. Original signatures on all forms are required

Submission Deadline



Proposals also may be hand-delivered to the following location:

Springfield Office

Reception Area

1st Floor

100 North First Street

Application Deadline: Proposals must be received no later than 4:00 p.m. on June 10, 2019

Late proposals will not be accepted

In Conclusion



- Make sure you are applying for the intended funding opportunity
- Read through the RFP in its entirety
- Include all grant requirements - be thorough
- Provide only what is listed in the RFP
- Use ISBE links and resources for questions and more information
- Proposals must be received no later than 4:00 p.m. on June 10, 2019
- More information can be found on the ISBE website under Early Childhood

Questions and Answers



For more information please visit the division website
<https://www.isbe.net/Pages/Early-Childhood.aspx>

Or call the Early Childhood Division
217-524-4835