

**Fiscal Year 2026 The Child Find Project of Illinois-Public Awareness
Frequently Asked Questions****Updated 3/18/25**

1. Who are eligible applicants?
 - Local Education Agencies (LEAs), Regional Offices of Education (ROEs), Intermediate Service Centers (ISCs), institutions of higher education, and not-for-profit organizations are eligible to apply.
2. When is the due date?
 - The application is due by 4 p.m. on April 11, 2025.
3. How is this grant submitted?
 - Completed proposals should be scanned into PDF with all supporting documents and required signatures and submitted via the ISBE Attachment Manager. Choose “Early Childhood RFP” from the dropdown menu in Receiver Information. Submit the application using the button at the bottom of the page. The submission confirmation page should be printed and retained as proof of submission. Please contact earlychi@isbe.net PRIOR to the close of the NOFO/RFP if the ISBE Attachment Manager isn’t accepting applications
4. Will applicants receive a receipt of submission when grants are submitted through the ISBE Attachment Manager?
 - The system shows a confirmation message on the screen. Applicants may print this for records.
5. If the FY26 RFP award is made after the beginning of the fiscal year, will the grant be retroactive to July 1, 2025? *Added 3/18/25*
 - Yes, the grant period is for July 1, 2025-June 30, 2026.