

Preschool Development Grant Birth through Five

Created as part of the bipartisan Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) in 2015, the **Preschool Development Grant Birth through Five (PDG B-5) program is a competitive federal grant that supports states and territories as they work to improve their existing early childhood systems and create effective mixed-delivery models.** The inclusion of PDG B-5 in ESSA marks the first time that Congress dedicated specific funds to promote high-quality early childhood education in the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA). PDG B-5 affirms the importance of early learning in ensuring all children have the strongest possible start in life and represents a unique opportunity for the federal government to leverage the central role of states in leading early childhood coordination and quality efforts.

EMPOWERING STATES

Administered through the US Department of Health and Human Services in consultation with the Department of Education, the goal of PDG B-5 is to empower states to increase the quality and efficiency of existing early learning programs and systems, while also reducing fragmentation and overlap of program supports.

The PDG B-5 grantees are specifically asked to:

- Better **align existing programs**,
- Engage parents and families by **maximizing parental choice**,
- **Build on the success of existing programs** through the dissemination of best practices,
- **Foster partnerships** among key stakeholders and programs, and
- During the implementation phase, consider how to use monitoring and data for **continuous improvement** of programs and systems.

OVERWHELMING INTEREST

In the fall of 2018, when the initial planning grants became available, there was overwhelming interest in the new PDG B-5 program. **Forty-seven states and territories applied for one-year initial planning grants** to conduct needs assessments and gather data on their current early learning and care landscape. This information was then used to inform a strategic plan with the goal of aligning systems and fostering partnerships within the states and territories.

The Administration for Children and Families (ACF) at HHS sought to make as many initial grants as possible, and in December 2018, **46 states and territories were awarded initial grants to complete the planning process.** ACF negotiated with 39 states and territories to reduce their scope of work and take less than their requested funding (71% of their original request) in order to meet the overwhelming demand for funding.



In the fall of 2019, states and territories who did not receive planning grants were eligible to apply or reapply for an initial grant. **In December 2019, 6 more states and territories were awarded initial planning grants.**

Governors' have shown tremendous commitment to the program by designating a state agency to administer the grant and by putting forward a state match of 30% to federal funding. To read what Governors from across the country said about these critical federal investments, visit our [website](#).

IMPLEMENTING STRATEGIC PLANS

After completing one year of planning, the 46 initial grantees were eligible to apply in the fall of 2019 for three-year renewal grants to support the implementation of their strategic plans.

◆ **In December 2019, after an incredibly competitive review process, ACF awarded 20 of the 46 state and territory applicants with renewal grants.** Again, due to the substantial interest, ACF was

only able to meet 90% of the funding requests for awards.

◆ Grantees are required to match 30% of federal funds each year for the 3 year grant period.

Recognizing the potential for impact and the overwhelming interest from states and territories, Congress appropriated an additional \$25 million in funding for PDG B-5 as part of the FY2020 Budget.

THE FUTURE OF THE PRESCHOOL DEVELOPMENT GRANTS

Continued funding of PDG B-5 is imperative as states and territories launch and sustain their implementation efforts. The 20 renewal grantees have designed their implementation models with the promise of three years of federal funding. In order for implementation to occur with fidelity, and so that states and territories can build effective mixed-delivery systems, continued federal funding is a necessity.

▶ To learn more about the PDG B-5 program visit www.ffyf.org



Jurisdiction	Initial Grant 2018	Renewal Grant 2019 (per year)
Alabama Department of Early Childhood Education	\$10,320,000	\$11,178,750
Alaska Department of Education & Early Development	\$2,617,353	Not awarded
Arizona Department of Education	\$1,396,806	Not awarded
Arkansas Department of Human Services	\$3,506,749	Not awarded
California Health & Human Services Agency	\$10,620,000	\$13,414,500
Colorado Department of Human Services	\$5,801,793	\$11,171,969
Connecticut Office of Early Childhood	\$8,591,087	\$8,943,000
Delaware Department of Education	\$4,236,837	Not awarded
District of Columbia Education Office	\$10,620,000	Not awarded
Florida Department of Education	\$8,520,000	\$13,414,500
Georgia Department of Early Care & Learning	\$2,961,044	\$3,721,584
Guam Department of Public Health & Social Services	\$1,000,000*	N/A
Hawaii Department of Human Services	\$965,530	Not awarded
Idaho Association for the Education of Young Children, Inc.	\$3,343,592 *	Not awarded
Illinois State Board of Education	\$3,702,937	\$13,414,500
Indiana Family & Social Services Administration	\$6,895,336	Not awarded
Iowa Department of Management	\$2,190,119	Not awarded
Kansas Department of Education	\$4,482,305	Not awarded
Commonwealth of Kentucky	\$10,620,000	Not awarded
Louisiana Department of Education	\$7,100,000	\$11,178,750
Maine Department of Education	\$1,011,080	Not awarded
Maryland State Department of Education	\$10,618,584	\$8,942,996
Massachusetts Executive Office of Education	\$1,801,346	Not awarded
Michigan Department of Education	\$5,058,813	\$13,413,552
Minnesota Department of Education	\$4,705,603	\$8,941,881
Mississippi Community College Board	\$10,620,000	Not awarded
Missouri Department of Elementary & Secondary Education	\$6,500,000	\$11,176,961
Montana Department of Public Health & Human Services	\$4,208,250	Not awarded
Nebraska Department of Health & Human Services	\$4,141,560	Not awarded
Nevada Department of Education	\$606,515	Not awarded
University System of New Hampshire	\$3,843,557	\$8,942,186
Executive Office of the State of New Jersey	\$10,620,000	\$11,178,750
New Mexico Department of Children Youth & Families	\$5,374,596	Not awarded
New York Office of Children & Family Services	\$8,732,006	\$13,414,500
North Carolina Department of Health & Human Services	\$4,486,842	\$13,414,500
North Dakota Department of Public Services	\$2,275,771	Not awarded
Northern Mariana Islands Department of Community & Cultural Affairs	\$2,125,989 *	N/A
Ohio Department of Job & Family Services	\$10,486,896	Not awarded
Oklahoma Partnership for School Readiness Foundation, Inc.	\$3,116,729	Not awarded
Oregon Department of Education	\$4,257,418	\$8,866,711
Commonwealth of Pennsylvania	\$10,553,711	Not awarded
Puerto Rico Administration for Integral Child Care Development	\$5,647,875 *	N/A
Rhode Island Executive Office of Health & Human Services	\$4,194,057	\$8,943,000
South Carolina Department of Social Services	\$3,453,679	Not awarded
Texas Education Agency	\$1,789,455	Not awarded
U.S. Virgin Islands Department of Workforce Services	\$725,112	Not awarded
Utah Department of Workforce Services	\$523,000	Not awarded
State of Vermont	\$3,363,695	Not awarded
Virginia Department of Education	\$9,900,948	\$11,178,750
Washington Department of Education	\$5,270,656	\$11,175,769
Wisconsin Department of Children & Families	\$9,999,809 *	N/A
Wyoming Western States Learning Corporation	\$2,098,776 *	N/A

* Jurisdictions that received Initial Grant Funding in December 2019.