

Preschool Development Grant Birth through Five

Created as part of the bipartisan Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) on December 10, 2015, **the Preschool Development Grant Birth through Five (PDG B-5) program is a \$250 million competitive federal grant that supports states and territories as they work to improve their existing early childhood systems.** The inclusion of PDG B-5 in ESSA marks the first time that Congress has dedicated specific funds to promote high-quality early childhood education in the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA). PDG B-5 affirms both the importance of early learning in advancing equal access to education and 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, PDG B-5 funds will empower states to improve the overall quality and efficiency of their early learning programs and systems.

These grants were designed 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 **increased partnerships** among key stakeholders and programs.

Grantees are expected to accomplish these goals through strategic coordination with a broad range of stakeholders.

- In the fall of 2018, 47 states and territories applied for a **one year planning grant**, to be used to:
 - Conduct or update a **needs assessment** to gather data about the current early learning landscape in their state.
 - Use the needs assessment to **create a strategic plan**, which will further promote alignment and partnerships as state leaders enter the implementation phase.

◆ After completing their year of planning, states will have the opportunity to apply for renewal grants that will fund implementation of their plans for two to four years. The renewal grants will be awarded to a sub-group of initial grantees by December 31, 2019.

46 STATES RECENTLY AWARDED GRANTS

States have shown tremendous interest in the PDG B-5 program. Governors set a designated state agency and states put forward match of 30%. HHS expected to award a maximum of 40 grants, however 47 jurisdictions applied for PDG B-5 funding. Due to the overwhelming response to the funding opportunity announcement, the Administration for Children and Families (ACF) decided to award as many grants as possible, ultimately awarding grants to 46 states and territories that range from \$538,000 to \$10.6 million. In order to fund the 46 states, the majority of applicants were not fully funded. And 39 states and territories had to revise their scopes of work and received approximately 71% of their original grant award request. HHS has indicated that, due to the overwhelming participation, not all states will receive renewal grants at the program's current funding level. Therefore, increased federal funding of this program is critical to ensure the 46 states and territories awarded planning grants can move forward with implementation.

◆ The PDG B-5 represents a unique opportunity for the federal government to build on state investments and initiatives as they consider how to best align and continue to grow their early learning systems.

● Governors from across the country are applauding these critical federal investments, and the comprehensive needs assessments and strategic plans funded in year-one are well underway. A bipartisan collection of Governors' statements on PDG B-5 awards can be found on our website: www.ffyf.org/governors-across-the-country-celebrate-federal-preschool-development-grant-b-5-funding/

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



Year One Grantees

Alabama Department of Early Childhood Education	\$10,620,000
*Alaska Department of Education and Early Development	\$2,617,353
Arizona Department of Education	\$1,396,806
Arkansas Department of Human Services	\$3,506,749
California Department of Education	\$10,620,000
Colorado Department of Human Services	\$5,801,793
Connecticut Office of Early Childhood	\$8,591,087
Delaware Department of Education	\$4,236,837
District of Columbia Education Office	\$10,620,000
*Florida Department of Education	\$8,520,000
Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning	\$2,961,044
Hawaii Department of Human Services	\$965,530
Illinois Office of the Governor	\$3,702,937
^Indiana Family and Social Services Administration	\$6,895,336
^Iowa Department of Management	\$2,190,119
*Kansas Department of Education	\$4,482,305
Commonwealth of Kentucky	\$10,620,000
Louisiana Department of Education	\$7,100,000
Maine Department of Education	\$1,011,080
Maryland Department of Education	\$10,618,584
Massachusetts Executive Office of Education	\$1,801,346
Michigan Department of Education	\$5,058,813
Minnesota Department of Education	\$4,705,603
Mississippi Community College Board	\$10,620,000
^Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education	\$6,500,000
Montana Department of Public Health and Human Services	\$4,208,250
*Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services	\$4,141,560
Nevada Department of Education	\$606,515
^University of New Hampshire	\$3,843,557
New Jersey Department of Children and Families	\$10,620,000
New Mexico Department of Children Youth and Families	\$5,374,596
New York Office of Children and Family Services	\$8,732,006
North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services	\$4,486,842
*North Dakota Department of Public Services	\$2,275,771
Ohio Department of Job and Family Services	\$10,486,896
*Oklahoma Partnership for School Readiness Foundation, Inc.	\$3,116,729
Oregon Department of Education	\$4,257,418
Commonwealth of Pennsylvania	\$10,553,711
Rhode Island Department of Human Services	\$4,194,057
^South Carolina Department of Social Services	\$3,453,679
^Texas Education Agency	\$1,789,455
U.S. Virgin Islands Department of Human Services	\$725,112
*Utah Department of Workforce Services	\$538,000
State of Vermont	\$3,363,695
Virginia Department of Education	\$9,900,948
Washington Department of Children, Youth, and Families	\$5,270,656

(NOTE: Recipients marked with an * have not previously applied for the Early Learning Challenge or Legacy PDG; recipients marked with an ^ have applied for one of these two but were not awarded funding through either program.)