



Competitive Great Start Readiness Program 2009-2010

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Quick Facts

- State School Aid – 32ℓ
- \$15,150,000 - level funding
 - \$4.81M - continuation grants that were first funded in 2007-2008 and 2008-2009
 - \$10.33M – new, expansion, and expansion for those in a continuation year
 - \$3,400 per child
- Length of Award
 - October 1, 2009 – September 30, 2010

Who can apply???

- Early childhood programs operated by non-profit public or private agencies
 - Non-profits must provide documentation
 - Include Board of Directors info (Page 16)
- Pending legislation allows for-profit agencies to apply
- ISD's and LEA's who are fiscal agents for Head Start programs (7)

Funding Process

■ New/Initial Year

- Minimum of 8 children
- Maximum of 36 children

■ Re-competing Initial Year

- Up to 144 slots
- second re-competition

■ Continuation

- Programs applying for 2nd & 3rd year of funding
- Minimum of 8 children
- Up to a maximum of 2008-2009 award

■ Expansion

- Programs applying for 2nd & 3rd year who want additional funds
- Programs may expand 36 children at a time

Funding Process

- Head Start/GSRP Blend
 - up to 180 children
 - Must provide Full-Day service
 - Must follow policies and procedures from both funding sources
 - If requirements are different, the more stringent requirement prevails

Eligible Children

- 4 years old on or before Dec. 1, 2009
- Identified by two or more risk factors
- At least 51% must be from families whose income does not exceed the family income guidelines



Factors Placing Children at Risk

1. Low birth weight
2. Developmentally immature
3. Physical and/or sexual abuse or neglect
4. Nutritionally deficient
5. Long-term or chronic illness
6. Diagnosed handicapping condition
7. Lack of a stable support system or residence
8. Destructive or violent temperament

More Risk Factors

9. Substance abuse or addiction
10. Language deficiency or immaturity
11. Non-English or limited English speaking household
12. Family history of low school, achievement or drop out
13. Family history of delinquency
14. Family history of diagnosed family problems
15. Low parent/sibling educational attainment or illiteracy
16. Single parent

More Risk Factors

17. Unemployed parent/parents
18. Low family income
19. Family density
20. Parental/sibling loss by death or parental absence due to divorce, war, etc.
21. Teenage parent
22. Chronically ill parent/sibling (physical, mental, or emotional)
23. Incarcerated parent
24. Housing in rural or segregated area
25. Other (as approved by the State Board of Education)

Reporting Requirements

- Final Expenditure Report
 - to MDE online in MEGS
- Mid-Year Report with PQA
 - to High/Scope online reporting
- Narrative Summary Report
 - to MDE online in MEGS
- On-Site Monitoring Visit
 - conducted by MDE (January – April)

Review Process & Notification

- Application due
 - May 20, 2009
- Peer Review System
 - June 16, 2009
- Approval by State Superintendent
 - When State-Aid Bill is signed
- Notification in writing
 - Within 2 weeks after Bill is signed
- Application completed/approved in MEGS
 - Depends on you!

Web Site

www.michigan.gov/gsrpcompetitive

- No applications will be mailed
- Must have Adobe Acrobat Reader

The screenshot shows the Michigan Department of Education website. The header includes the Michigan Department of Education logo and the text "Michigan.gov An Official State of Michigan Web Site". The main content area is titled "Great Start Readiness Program - Competitive". Below the title, there is a paragraph of text: "Preschool programs for four-year-old children who may be 'at risk' of school failure. Each child must have two of the 25 identified risk factors; more than 50% of the children must be low income. Both center-based and home-based models are available. All programs must provide strong family involvement/parent education components as well as preschool education." Below this text is a list of two links: "2009-10 Competitive Great Start Readiness Program Grant Application ~~2009~~ 4/16/09" and "2009-10 Competitive Great Start Readiness Program Grant Application INSTRUCTIONS". The left sidebar contains a navigation menu with categories like "Offices", "Administrative Law & Federal Relations", "Administrative Services", "Assessment & Accountability", "Audits", "Career & Technical Education", "Early Childhood & Family Services", "Grants Coordination and School Support", "Financial Management", "Michigan School for Deaf", and "Professional Preparation". The right sidebar contains a search bar, "MI Business One Stop", "Departments/Agencies", "Online Services", "Surveys", "RSS Feeds", and "Related Content" with a list of links including "Michigan After-School Partnership", "Early Childhood Special Education", "Early On®", "Great Parents, Great Start", "21st Century Community Learning Centers", "Great Start Readiness Program - Formula Funding", "0-3 Secondary Prevention", "Even Start Family Literacy Program", and "Great Start Readiness Program - Evaluation".

Review Criteria

- Total of **205 points** possible
- No points, but required:
 - Cover Page
 - Assurances and Certifications
 - 501(c)3 certification

Cover Page

- **Part A – Applicant** (Page 1)
- Fill in all spaces
- Use Federal ID number
- Include correct lead contacts
 - Programs that subcontract, the lead contact from the subcontracting agency will receive info from MDE
- Authorized Official's original signature in blue ink

Assurances and Certifications

- **Part A (Continued)** (Page 2)
- Read carefully
- Required by law
- Specific Assurances
- Agency director must sign in blue ink and date

Program Abstract

5 Points

- **Part B - Program Abstract**
(Page 3)
- Statement of Needs
- Description of Program
- Expected Program Outcomes
- Qualifications of Key Personnel
- Do not say "see attached"

Program Fact Sheet

5 Points

- **Part C – Program Fact Sheet**
(page 4)
- Numbers
- Delivery Model
- Sessions/Teachers
- Schedule of Operations
- Contacts

Collaboration and Community Needs Forms 10 Points

- **Part D – Acknowledgement of Effort to Collaborate** (Page 5)
- Required from at least the following:
 - Head Start
 - Local school districts/PSAs
 - Other non-profit agencies offering free, compensatory education for four-year-old children
- The above agencies must complete the Certification of Need portion on the bottom of Part D

Narrative Program Description

145 Total Points

1. Statement of Community Need 20 Points

- Address bottom half of form Part D
- Identification and description of specific needs to be addressed, target population
- Process used to determine need
- Michigan Head Start Association Contacts
(517) 517-374-6472 or www.mhsa.ws

Narrative, continued

2. Student Recruitment & Selection 10 Points

- Procedures used to recruit, identify, and select participants
- Process used to obtain necessary enrollment and data



Narrative, continued

3. Proposed Program Plan 50 Points

- Philosophy statement
- Comprehensive curriculum model
- Meeting the requirements for Center-Based and/or Home-Based models
- Daily Routine (Center-Based)
- Description of home visit (Home-Based programs)
- Infusing the Standards of Quality

Narrative, continued

4. Supplementary Child Care 10 Points



- Description of plan to provide wrap around child care services

Narrative, continued

5. Parent Involvement and Family Services **20 Points**

- Plans for parent involvement in a variety of ways
- Plans for communication formal and informal
- Plans for parents as decision-makers
- Plans for inclusion on the Advisory Committee

Narrative, continued

6. Advisory Committee 10 points

Part E - Chart 1 (Page 6)

- Members from listed agencies
- Community Collaborative or Great Start Collaborative
 - Must also have local Advisory Committee
- Need projected meeting dates
- Meetings include legislated obligations
- Decision-making opportunities for parents



Narrative, continued

7. Evaluation of Program Plan 25 Points

Part E - Charts 2, 3 and 4

(Pages 7-9)

- Plan for assessing program effectiveness and follow up
- For re-competing programs, documentation of PQA Assessment conducted by an MDE consultant
- Plans for assessing individual children's growth
- For re-competing programs, data showing gains children made
- Program goals

Facility Description

5 Points

Part F - Chart 1: Center-Based Chart 2: Home-Based (Pages 10-11)

- Complete all boxes; use additional pages if more sites or classrooms for GSRP than one form will allow.
- All classrooms must be licensed; include correspondence for sites in the licensing process.
- Home-Based - location of cluster activities and a description of home visits

Qualifications of Key Personnel 10 Points

- **Part G - Chart 1A: Key Classroom Personnel and/or Chart 1B: Home-Based**
(Page 12-13)



- Must have qualified staff
- Include credentials
 - Not resumes

Key Personnel, continued

Professional Development Plan 10 Points

Part G - Chart 2 (Page 14)

Plus Narrative

- Professional development activities
- Ongoing in-service training
- Description of procedures used to evaluate staff and how that is used for continuous improvement

Budget

Part H - Budget Summary

(Page 15)

5 Points

- Use \$3,400/child for Part-Day programs and \$6800 for Full-Day programs
- 10% cap for total of administrative line items (230, 240, 250, 260, 280)
- 10% cap for staff development (220)
- Use form provided
- Original signatures in blue ink

Budget, continued

Budget Detail

10 Points

- Related to activities in plan
- Matches Budget Summary
- Local share is not required
- Use sample GSRP Budget Detail (Grant Application Instructions, Addendum B, Page 46)

Application Preparation

- Maximum 12 pages for narrative
- Times 12 pt. font, 1.5 line-spacing
- Margins no smaller than .5 inches
- Pages stapled - no binders or bindings
- Support documents limited to 5 pages
- Original & 4 Copies
- Mail in one package with **Checklist**
(Application Instructions, Page 36)

DUE – May 20, 2009

- Must be mailed delivered by 5 p.m.
- Delivery by agent only
 - No hand-delivery accepted
- Fax-back confirmation
 - If not received by May 20th at 5 p.m. –
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