

Early Learning Enhancement Grants



Pre-Proposal Webinar
Tuesday, March 26, 2013

Office of Great Start
Division of Child Development and Care



Webinar Information

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- The webinar will be recorded and posted by **COB on Thursday, March 28.**
- Questions will be accepted via the text box and collected for inclusion in a Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) document.
- The FAQ will be posted on the Office of Great Start website along with the copies of grant application instructions and forms - <http://www.michigan.gov/greatstart>
 - ✦ By COB on Friday, March 29th.

Grant Overview

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- This grant will support increased access to high quality early learning and development programs for those children with the highest needs prior to kindergarten.
- The funding can be combined with their other funding sources to support children with a full-day, full-year early learning opportunity while the child's parent(s) is either working or enrolled and participating in an approved education or training program.
 - ✦ Anticipate 180 slots to be purchased through the grants (30 earmarked specifically for infants/toddlers)
 - ✦ Up to \$2,500,000 for grants over a two year period

Grant Awards

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- Programs awarded Early Learning Enhancement Grant funds will receive funding for a specified number of pre-school and/or infant/toddler 'slots' so that participating providers are able to support full (10 hour) day, full (calendar) year child care services.
- Awards will cover specified number of children for a two-year period.
- Per-child reimbursement will be up to:
 - \$6,240 per child, annually for children age 2 ½ and older.
 - \$8,840 per child, annually for children under age 2 ½.
- These funds may be combined with Head Start, GSRP or other funding.

Eligible Applicants

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- **Eligible Applicants will include** Child Care Centers, Group Child Care Homes, and Family Child Care Homes that are currently licensed or registered by the Department of Human Services Bureau of Children and Adult Licensing and are all of the following:
 - ✦ Programs receiving or eligible to receive CDC funding
 - ✦ Programs in good standing with Early Head Start, Head Start, or GSRP with a three, four, or five star rating in Great Start to Quality
 - ✦ Programs planning to serve children in a single classroom or setting for a full, ten-plus hour day and a 12 month calendar year
 - ✦ Programs engaged in collaboration with either Early Head Start, Head Start and/or the Great Start Readiness Program (Utilizing one of the eligible collaboration models)

Child and Family Eligibility

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- Approved grantees will determine child and/or family eligibility for CDC subsidy (annually).
- The following criteria must be met in order to place a child in the program:
 - ✦ Child must be a U.S. citizen residing in Michigan
 - ✦ The child's parent(s) must be employed or enrolled and participating in an approved education or training program
 - ✦ The family must meet CDC income eligibility guidelines
- Child will remain eligible throughout the year unless the family's income exceeds 85% of the Michigan State Median Income.

Selection Criteria

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- **Site Location**
 - Priority Points (20 points)
- **Narrative**
 - Program Enhancements (20 points)
 - Continuity of Care and Program Accessibility (20 points)
 - Community Collaboration (20 points)
 - Prioritization Model (20 points)

Priority Points

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- Priority points will be awarded to programs on the following basis:
 - Utilizing a shared services model
 - Participating in a School Meals program or the Child and Adult Care Food Program
 - Participating in the Office of Great Start Preschool and Child Care Coordination Grant
 - Participating in a school wide consolidation pilot project

Program Enhancements

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- Points will be assigned based on:
 1. The description of the program enhancements resulting from the collaboration model and proposed Early Learning Enhancement Grant funding.
 2. The description of the program and child outcomes that will be achieved with this grant funding.

Continuity of Care and Program Accessibility

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- Points will be assigned based on the description of the schedule of care that will be available to children in Early Learning Enhancement Grant slots and how this enhances services and program accessibility to families and ensures stability and continuity of care.

Community Collaboration

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- Points will be assigned based on:
 1. The description of how the collaboration is based on community assessment – the community assessment process used, the need for the slots in the community, and how the collaboration coordinates, rather than competes, with other providers.
 2. The demonstration of how the collaboration is coordinated with the local early childhood community.

Prioritization Model

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- Points will be assigned based on:
 1. The process the collaboration will utilize to identify children eligible for Early Learning Enhancement Grant slots.
 2. The description of the model that will be utilized to prioritize children eligible for Early Learning Enhancement Grant slots, should the program identify more eligible children than the number of slots awarded.

Other Application Sections

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- Narrative
 - Service Information
 - Budget Narrative
 - Priority Points, if applicable
- Budget template

Technical Assistance

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- Several technical assistance sessions will be held related, but not limited to:
 - ✦ Eligibility determination and maintenance of records
 - ✦ Financial reporting
 - ✦ Drawing down funds
 - ✦ Performance reporting and monitoring
- Attendance is required for those who receive funds

Data Collection

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- Program/child data will be collected monthly for the following purposes:
 - Distribution of funds.
 - Assessing outcomes at the end of the pilot program.
 - Reporting to legislature/federal Office of Child Care.

Timeline

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- Intent to Apply due April 2, 2013 by 5:00 p.m.
- Applications due April 23, 2013 by 5:00 p.m.
- Award announcements expected in May
- Distribution of funds to begin October 2013 through MEGS+

Questions

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