



Preschool Development Grant

The federal Preschool Development Birth-through-Five Grant (PDG B-5) is a 3-year grant opportunity administered by the Administration for Children and Families to build upon the work completed during Oregon's initial grant in 2018 to deliver quality early childhood programs and maintain coordination and collaboration across programs and sectors, including strong tribal partnerships.

The Grant required states to propose projects under six activities:

- Updating and enhancing the statewide needs assessment;
- Updating the statewide strategic plan;
- Maximizing parental choice and knowledge;
- Sharing best practices and professional development for the early childhood workforce;
- Improving overall quality and service integration, expanding access and developing new programs; and
- Refining, enhancing and implementing the Program Performance Evaluation Plan.

The Preschool Development Grant Birth-through-Five Grant Renewal represents an opportunity to expand high-quality services for children B-5 and ensure these services have a significant, positive impact on children and families. The PDG asks states to focus on children from historically underserved populations.

Oregon's Preschool Development Grant Renewal Application

Oregon applied for approximately \$10 million per year. ELD's application is aligned with goals within the Early Learning Council's strategic plan, *Raise Up Oregon*, and includes 4.6 FTE for project management, grant coordination, data collection and contract administration.

This grant opportunity is highly competitive – 46 states applied, and the Administration for Children and Families has indicated it intends to award just 23 Preschool Development Grant Renewals. Oregon's proposed projects for the first year of the grant are listed on the next page, and are contingent upon Oregon receiving the grant award.

We anticipate that Oregon will be notified of its award status by December 31, 2019. All grant materials will be available at <https://oregonearlylearning.com/administration/pdg/#overview>.

Oregon's Preschool Development Grant Application Year 1 Proposed Projects

Maximizing Parental Choice and Knowledge (\$1.08M)

Design an Early Learning Portal that will unify existing websites and search tools into one platform for families. (\$99K)

Support Early Learning Hubs to develop or improve regional coordinated enrollment systems. (\$401K)

Engage with families to discuss quality child care to inform a consumer education system. (\$324.5K)

Establish and support Parent Council at each Early Learning Hub. (\$228.2K)

Sharing Best Practice and Professional Development for the Early Childhood Workforce (\$1.39M)

Adapt National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC) competencies to Oregon's context. (\$102K)

Conduct an inventory of existing professional development and analyze for alignment to competencies. (\$178.1K)

Create a statewide fellowship for program-level professionals to do work at the systems level. (\$209.5K)

Revise the Oregon Registry Online to align to new competencies and count job-embedded supports. (\$26.2K)

Revise career steps based on early childhood education professionals' feedback. (\$197K)

Create an Early Learning and Kindergarten Guidelines credential to promote deep expertise among teachers and administrators of the guidelines. (\$231.9K)

Revise Spark QRIS standards to focus on continuous quality improvement for all provider types, and build capacity for job-embedded supports for providers to engage in continuous quality improvement. (\$408.6K)

Improving Overall Quality and Service Integration, Expanding Access and Developing New Programs (\$5.51M)

Conduct a landscape analysis of existing best practices for Infant/Early Childhood Mental Health Consultation in Oregon and design a strategy to expand supports. (\$300K)

Pilot a strategy that places specialists in communities to provide support through the licensing process. (\$280K)

Implement full-day preschool for rural communities and children of color. (\$1.25M)

Expand Baby Promise in Tribal, rural and frontier communities. (\$3.25M)

Partner with Oregon Housing and Community Services to design a strategy to place Early Head Start slots in public housing units. (\$50K)

Refining, Enhancing and Implementing the Program Performance Evaluation Plan (\$1.14M)

Conduct an inventory of early care and education data collected at the state and regional level that includes recommendations on integrating into the Statewide Longitudinal Data System. (\$455.8K)

Update and enhance the Program Performance Evaluation Plan completed during the initial grant. (\$685.8K)