



NC DHHS Notice of Funding Availability

Reporting Form

DHHS Division/Office issuing this notice: Division of Child Development and Early Education (DCDEE)

Date of this notice: October 30, 2020

RFA Title: Preschool Development Grant Birth through Five (PDG B-5) Renewal Grant State-wide Birth to 3 Program Feasibility and Cost Study

Purpose:

The goal or function of this initiative is to fund a contractor that will conduct a study feasibility and costs for the development of a program designed to provide high-quality comprehensive child development and family support program to low-income at-risk children birth through age three and their families; and develop a legislative strategy to engage North Carolina legislators in understanding the importance of birth to age two development and reviewing and providing input on the study results.

Description:

The successful applicant will conduct a literature review to identify proven elements of high-quality birth through three Infant-Toddler to Preschool and Preschool to Pre-K care and education services; review data on the current quality of infant-toddler care in NC; develop an operational transition plan for children and families as they move from this program to either another early care and education setting or kindergarten; develop a cost model and proposed phased financing approach utilizing state and federal resources; establish a state Infant-Toddler Task Force to help guide the work, consisting of program owners and operators, infant and toddler educators, representatives of families with infants and toddlers, researchers, and other early childhood and financing experts; and develop a legislative strategy to engage North Carolina legislators in understanding the importance of birth to age three development and reviewing and providing input on the study results.

Funding Availability:

This RFA will be for an 18-month period of funding beginning January 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022. Up to \$750,000 may be available over the 18-month period depending on the availability of carry forward and continuation funds.

Should a carry forward option be granted to DCDEE by the federal funder, the same option will be available to the contractor.

Eligibility:

This RFA is open to state agencies and universities, public and private nonprofit organizations with a current 501(c)(3) standing with knowledge of North's Carolina's early childhood education mixed delivery system and expertise in conducting research and presenting data, providing consultation to state and local government agencies/personnel and providing analysis of emerging conditions and child well-being.

How to Apply:

The *Preschool Development Grant Birth through Five (PDG B-5) Renewal Grant State-wide Birth to 3 Program Feasibility and Cost Study* RFA and required attachments will be posted to the DCDEE website: <https://ncchildcare.ncdhhs.gov/Whats-New> on November 9, 2020.

Intent to Apply:

Eligible agencies and/or organizations interested in applying for this RFA are encouraged to notify DCDEE of their intent to apply via the following link, https://northchealth.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_8FYLRtpSD7jTOWl no later than **5:00 p.m., November 23, 2020**. Agencies are **not** required to notify of their intent to respond to this RFA; this information is requested to assist DCDEE in planning.

Deadline for Submission:

Applications will be accepted until **5:00 p.m., December 9, 2020**.

How to Obtain Further Information:

For more information or to obtain a copy of the complete Request for Application please contact: Tilneil Gary (DCDEE.PDGContracts.Unit.RFA@dhhs.nc.gov) and Sharon Johnson (DCDEE.PDGContracts.Unit.RFA@dhhs.nc.gov)