



Preschool Development Grants

Expansion Grants

GRANTEE ABSTRACT

New York

Overview

The State of New York has a deep commitment to advancing a high-quality and comprehensive approach to early childhood education for all of our young children. Over the last two decades, New York has taken steps to advance its education system by creating a birth-to-3rd grade continuum that embraces both the importance of High-Quality early education for all children and a priority to meet the specific needs of our most at-risk young learners, including Dual Language Learners and those with special needs. Pre-K in New York has been regarded as a key strategy to improve educational outcomes and narrow the achievement gap. Governor Andrew M. Cuomo has made expansion of full-day high quality Pre-K a major priority of his administration. As a result, the State has greatly increased its support for Pre-K to an impressive \$750 million investment. Just as significant, is the State's extremely robust set of Pre-K program standards that reflect current research on effective early childhood teaching and learning. These standards meet all of the structural elements of High-Quality programs as defined in this grant funding opportunity.

The State's expectations for school readiness, which are laid out in the Prekindergarten Foundation for the Common Core, are the common basis for our strategic efforts to support children's development from birth and expand high-quality programs that meet the needs of young children and families. We will leverage the

Lead Agency

New York State Education Department

Year 1 Federal Award Amount

\$24,991,372

Plan Period

January 1, 2015 – December 31, 2018

Preschool Development Grants will support states to build, develop, and expand voluntary, high-quality preschool programs for children from low- and moderate-income families.

There are two types of grants.

Development Grants are for states that currently serve less than 10 percent of four-year-olds and have not received a Race to the Top – Early Learning Challenge (RTT-ELC) grant.

Expansion Grants are for states that currently serve 10 percent or more of four-year-olds or have received an RTT-ELC grant.

framework from the state's Tiered Quality and Improvement System, QUALITYstarsNY.

Project Objectives and Activities

This funding opportunity will allow New York to implement our most progressive high-quality approaches to Pre-K and then supplement programs with innovations to strengthen the quality and capacity of our programs, parent engagement, school-community partnerships, and State partners focused on early education.

High Need Communities to be served under New York's Plan

New York City
Yonkers
Uniondale

Indian River
Port Chester