



Proposal to Support Head Start in TK Transition

Budget Request: \$50M in FY 2021-22 and an additional \$50M each year to reach \$250M in FY 25-26.

- FY21-22: \$50M
- FY22-23: \$100M
- FY23-24: \$150M
- FY24-25: \$200M
- FY25-26: \$250M

Grant Terms: Up to five years, coinciding with Office of Head Start (OHS) grant cycle of the applicant.

Grant Amounts: Shall be equal to the agency's OHS grant for the current grant year multiplied by
FY21-22: 5% FY22-23: 10% FY23-24: 15% FY24-25: 20% FY25-26: 25%

Use of State Grants

1. Support the 20% funding match required by the federal grant to:
 - Build agency capacity.
 - Recruit and retain a growing workforce.
 - Identify more Head Start eligible families.
2. Expand services to:
 - Serve more children and families.
 - Provide expanded, non-traditional hours of care.

Agency eligibility: Agencies with one or more Office of Head Start (OHS) grants for Head Start and Early Head Start, including American Indian / Alaskan Native and Migrant & Seasonal programs grants.

Family eligibility

- Income less than 200% of the federal poverty level for their family size, OR
- Qualify for: WIC, SNAP, CalWorks, SSI or Free/Reduced Meals

Services

- Head Start programming for at-risk 4- and 5-year-olds (36-60 months) who *need comprehensive, wrap-around services*.
- Early Head Start and/or Early Head Start-Child Care Partnerships for pregnant mothers and infants and toddlers aged 0-36 months who *need comprehensive, wrap-around services*.

Priority for Funding: Agencies that target additional services for:

- Childcare deserts and neglected geographies.
- Underserved populations including but not limited to Black and LatinX families.

Grant Oversight & Management: California Department of Education (CDE) and the California Department of Social Services (DSS), in consultation with the California Head Start State Collaboration Office (CHSSCO), shall jointly establish grant program oversight and management.

Application requirements: CDE and DSS will jointly develop grant application requirements, which may include but not be limited to:

- Confirmation of OHS grant funding by OHS.
- Applicant's recent OHS-required Community Needs Assessment.
- Applicant's plan for building capacity and expansion of services.