



Seattle Department of Education & Early Learning

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2024 Notice of Funding Availability

This notice provides an overview of DEEL's funding opportunities for 2024.

Please note: a citywide budget and hiring freeze delayed the release of these funding opportunities. Any questions regarding the timing of this Notice can be directed to DEELfunding@seattle.gov.

The mission of the Department of Education and Early Learning is to transform the lives of Seattle's children, youth, and families through strategic investments in education. DEEL invests in equitable educational opportunities, student and family supports and high-quality learning environments to pursue the following results:

- All Seattle families have access to quality, affordable childcare
- All Seattle children are ready for kindergarten
- All Seattle students graduate high school ready for college
- All Seattle youth attain a certificate, credential, or degree

The intended outcome of DEEL's investments is to support Seattle students and youth furthest from educational justice to achieve academically across the preschool to post-secondary continuum. When each funding opportunity is released, additional information, including information sessions and technical assistance opportunities will be posted on [DEEL's Funding Opportunities](#) webpage. More funding opportunities may become available throughout the year in addition to what is listed below.

Subscribe to our "Funding Opportunities" mailing list [using this link](#) to get updates about these opportunities delivered to your inbox.

Definition of Terms:

Request for Proposal (RFP): Evaluates and scores various factors, including cost estimate/pricing, proposed approach, experience, technical expertise, etc. Used for consulting services.

Request for Investment (RFI): Similar in composition of elements assessed in an RFP (proposed approach, cost, relevant information to the questions, etc.). Used for project agreements.

Request for Qualification (RFQ): Assesses an agency's qualifications to perform a scope of work. Does not include an assessment of proposed approach or cost.

Kindergarten Readiness

Prenatal-to-Three Community Grant Program

Request for Proposal

- **Anticipated Release Date:** March 2024
- **Funding Available:** Up to \$1,490,000
- **Eligible Applicants:** Community-based organizations, especially those with strong ties to and reflective of the community members they serve
- **Description:** This multi-year RFI seeks to increase kindergarten readiness outcomes for families with children before birth through age three by increasing access to prenatal resources and services, supporting healthy births, increasing parental health and wellbeing, and strengthening nurturing

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caregiver-child relationships to support optimal child health and development. The program is designed to accomplish this by supporting community-informed proposals that address obstacles contributing to race-based disparities in equitable birth outcomes and access to early learning opportunities. Individual contracts with awardees may be up to two years in duration.

Seattle Preschool Program (SPP) Provider Facilities Fund

Request for Investment

- **Anticipated Release Date:** May 2024
- **Funding Available:** Up to \$1,150,000
- **Eligible Applicants:** Current SPP and Pathway providers
- **Description:** This multi-year RFI will support capital projects that: 1) improve quality or help providers meet preschool facility licensing standards, 2) expand space in existing SPP preschool facilities, or 3) start new facilities either by building from the ground up or substantially remodeling existing buildings to use as part of SPP. Individual contracts with awardees may be up to two years in duration.

Seattle Preschool Program (SPP) Expansion

Request for Qualifications

- **Anticipated Release Date:** September 2024
- **Funding Available:** Up to \$3,000,000
- **Eligible Applicants:** Center-based preschool programs and new agencies not contracted with SPP
- **Description:** This RFQ seeks to identify qualified early learning providers in Seattle to join a roster of providers to be considered for Seattle Preschool Program expansion in School Year 2025-2026. It is intended for center-based preschool programs (including programs operating in Seattle Public Schools buildings) and new agencies not currently contracted with the Seattle Preschool Program. Family Child Care (FCC) programs interested in participating in SPP should contact one of SPP's FCC Hub administrators ([Child Care Resources](#) or [Tiny Tots Early Learning Collaborative](#)).

College and Career Readiness

Summer Learning Programs

Request for Investment

- **Anticipated Release Date:** February 2024
- **Funding Available:** Up to \$3,000,000
- **Eligible Applicants:** Community-based organizations and City agencies
- **Description:** This multi-year RFI will fund summer programs for Seattle K-12 students that offer academic, social-emotional learning and enrichment, and/or college and career readiness experiences. Individual contracts with awardees may be up to three years in duration.