



**Request for Investment: Seattle Preschool Program Provider Facilities Fund**  
**School Year 2020-2021**

**Questions and Answers (Q&A)**

Updated: 10/30/2020

| <b>Topic: Eligible Applicants</b> |   |   |   |
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| 1                                 | <p><b>Question:</b><br/>I am running a preschool and daycare in Bothell address -<br/><br/>[REDACTED] Bothell, WA 98021<br/><br/>Am I eligible for applying funds as I am located in Bothell?</p>   | <p><b>Answer:</b><br/>An agency/provider is eligible for consideration if it is a center, school, or home-based provider under contract with DEEL to provide preschool services for SPP or Pathway.</p>                               | <p><b>Date Answered:</b><br/>10/22/20</p> |
| 2                                 | <p><b>Question:</b><br/>I had a question that I wanted to clarify about eligibility for the Facility Fund RFI:<br/><br/>So, a childcare provider cannot be in the process to become a part of SPP or Pathway; they have to already be in either of those programs to be eligible?</p> | <p><b>Answer:</b><br/>A provider must be in contract with DEEL in SPP or Pathway to be eligible for the facilities fund.</p>  | <p><b>Date Answered:</b><br/>10/23/20</p> |
| 3                                 | <p><b>Question:</b><br/>Is this funding available for license exempt child care providers?</p>  | <p><b>Answer:</b><br/>Yes, if the provider is under contract with DEEL in SPP or Pathway.</p>   | <p><b>Date Answered:</b><br/>10/23/20</p> |
| 4                                 | <p><b>Question:</b><br/>Our organization, [REDACTED], is currently under contract with DEEL for a SPP program and we are planning to apply for funding for that current location. At the same time, we are in the process of</p>  | <p><b>Answer:</b><br/>The new second location would also have to be in the Pathway and/or SPP program to be eligible. Ineligible activities include: Renovation costs not directly connected for use in an approved SPP facility.</p> | <p><b>Date Answered:</b><br/>10/30/20</p> |



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| <p>developing a new second location to serve more children under a different organizational structure (called [REDACTED]) and we're wondering if we can apply for that facility as well. It's tricky because it's the same leadership but the new site would operate under a different organizational name. So while the [REDACTED] IS currently under contract, the newly formed adjacent organization is not. I'm thinking that means that we can't apply for that other entity, but wanted to check to make sure.</p> |  |  |
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|   | <b>Topic: Program Requirements</b>  |  |   |
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| 1 | <p><b>Question:</b><br/>Does the RFI cover technology related needs in response to COVID?</p>   | <p><b>Answer:</b><br/>No, this 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. 3) Start new facilities, either from the ground up or by substantially remodeling existing buildings to use as part of SPP. Pages 2-3 of the RFI list eligible and ineligible activities.</p> | <p><b>Date Answered:</b><br/>10/22/20</p> |
| 2 | <p><b>Question:</b><br/>Can we apply If our project doesn't necessarily:<br/>1) Improve quality or help providers meet preschool facility licensing standards.<br/><br/>2) Expand space in existing SPP preschool facilities.<br/><br/>3) Start new facilities, either from the ground up or by substantially remodeling existing buildings to use as part of SPP? We want to enhance our outdoor play area (e.g. sensory table).</p> | <p><b>Answer:</b><br/>The purpose of the facilities funds is to improve quality or space of a preschool facility. Strong applications will address each component of the proposal scoring criteria on page 5 (Table 2). Playground equipment is an eligible activity. Please refer to the list of eligible activities on page 2-3 of the RFI for more details.</p>   | <p><b>Date Answered:</b><br/>10/23/20</p> |



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| 3 | <p><b>Question:</b><br/>We are planning to remodel the outdoor play area and sensory garden of our Early Learning Center. This <b>will not</b> “will directly contribute to a net increase in the licensed capacity served by the agency in its SPP preschool classrooms” as <b>we limit the number of students</b> served to adhere to a low student teacher ratio.</p> <p><i>Is this project eligible, or is it worth our time and effort to apply based on the above?</i></p> <p>I realize it’s a point-scoring effort and the section this item is in has 7 items for a total of 40 points. Is each item A-G scored in equal number? Or does one hold more weight than another?</p> | <p><b>Answer:</b><br/>Outdoor/playground equipment is an eligible activity. DEEL funded past projects that have not contributed to increased licensed capacity.</p> <p>We do not use a weighted scoring criterion. A project must score a minimum of 50 points to be eligible as determined by a panel of reviewers.</p> | <p><b>Date Answered:</b><br/>10/29/20</p> |
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| <b>Topic: Budget</b> |  |                               |   |
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| 1                    | <p><b>Question:</b><br/>Does the RFI cover provider stabilization in response to COVID?</p>                  | <p><b>Answer:</b><br/>No.</p> | <p><b>Date Answered:</b><br/>10/22/20</p> |
| 2                    | <p><b>Question:</b><br/>For use of funds related to COVID relief, can the “match” requirement be waived?</p> | <p><b>Answer:</b><br/>No.</p> | <p><b>Date Answered:</b><br/>10/22/20</p> |