



Seattle Department of Education & Early Learning

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2023 Notice of Funding Availability

This notice provides an overview of DEEL's upcoming funding opportunities for 2023.

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 or career.
- 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.

Anticipated release dates may change, and more funding opportunities may become available throughout the year in addition to what is listed below. When each funding opportunity is released, additional information, including information sessions, technical assistance opportunities, etc. will be posted on [DEEL's Funding Opportunities](#) webpage. 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

Seattle Preschool Program Provider Facilities Fund

Request for Investment

- **Anticipated Release Date:** April 2023
- **Eligible Applicants:** Current Seattle Preschool Program and Pathway providers
- **Description:** DEEL is accepting applications for investment from center, home and school-based providers who seek to expand or renovate projects for use in the Seattle Preschool Program (SPP). This funding opportunity will support construction, renovation, or rehabilitation of preschool and child care facilities and outdoor play spaces, soft costs directly related to the development of eligible SPP space, and improvements that provide accessibility to persons with disabilities.

Prenatal-3 Community Grants

Request for Proposals

- **Anticipated Release Date:** April 2023
- **Eligible Applicants:** Organizations with missions to serve children aged birth to three, pregnant individuals, and/or guardians of children aged birth to three within the City of Seattle, and who center the needs of priority populations - Black, Indigenous, People of Color (BIPOC), immigrant, refugee, low income, and emerging bilingual speaking communities.
- **Description:** The outcome of this investment is to support increased kindergarten readiness and reduce the disparities in outcomes for young children and families based on race, gender, or other socioeconomic factors. The program intends to accomplish this by supporting community-informed proposals that address obstacles contributing to these disparities. These include providing families access to critical resources and services, supporting healthy and equitable births, increasing parental health and wellbeing, strengthening caregiver-child relationships, and supporting optimal child health and development.

Seattle Preschool Program Process Evaluation

Request for Proposals

- **Anticipated Release Date:** June 2023
- **Eligible Applicants:** Qualified education research and evaluation consultants
- **Description:** This RFP seeks an evaluation consultant to complete a process evaluation of the Seattle Preschool Program, per the FEPP Levy Implementation & Evaluation Plan.

Seattle Preschool Program (SPP)

Request for Qualifications

- **Anticipated Release Date:** November 2023
- **Eligible Applicants:** This RFQ 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. Existing SPP providers will receive separate instructions for applying through a different process. 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](#)).
- **Description:** This RFQ seeks to identify qualified early learning providers in Seattle to join a roster of providers who would be considered for Seattle Preschool Program expansion in 2024-2025.

College and Career Readiness

Opportunity and Access

Request for Investment

- **Anticipated Release Date:** January 2023
- **Eligible Applicants:** Community-based organizations, schools not receiving FEPP Levy School-Based Investments, government agencies, tribes, and tribal organizations serving immigrant, refugee, and youth of color
- **Description:** This investment will fund expanded learning opportunities and college and career readiness services for youth disproportionately impacted by systemic inequities in education. Funding will increase the capacity of organizations supporting young people to build skills that help them succeed in school, graduate on time, and transition to college and careers.

Summer Learning

Request for Investment

- **Anticipated Release Date:** March 2023
- **Eligible Applicants:** Community-based organizations
- **Description:** This RFI will expand or enhance existing academic and enrichment summer programs for Seattle K-12 students through academics, social-emotional learning and enrichment, and college and career readiness experiences.