



Request for Investment: Seattle Preschool Program Provider Facilities Fund School Year 2023-2024

Question and Answers
Updated: 6/9/23

Eligible Applicants

1. **If I want to start a in home childcare can I apply for this grant to re open at another location even if I have to go back through the licensing process?**

No, this grant is for any agency under contract to provide preschool services for the Seattle Preschool Program (SPP) or the Pathway Program.

Date answered: 5/15/23

2. **I saw that there is a grant available for Family-based childcare providers (FCCs). I am in the process of opening a family in-home daycare however I need assistance in starting my child care. I did start the process through DCYF however I need a bigger home and I do not have all the funding for that. I know with this grant it states "Start new facilities, either from the ground up" Can I still apply for the grant and how do I go about this if I don't have the facility or home to do my daycare? please provide me with any information.**

No, this grant is for any agency under contract to provide preschool services for the Seattle Preschool Program (SPP) or the Pathway Program.

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3. **I am interested in starting a school based facility to educate children, families and community members. I did see a new grant out titled SPP provider facilities fund-2023. I wanted to see if I can apply to this grant if I am a new business? Do I need the facility before applying for the grant or can I apply and use the start up fund to lease the facility and go from there.? I would like to know as much as possible before this grant deadline comes.**

You must first be under contract with DEEL to provide preschool services for the Seattle Preschool Program (SPP) or the Pathway Program.

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4. **If funds from previous RFI have been awarded to provider, can they apply again?**

Yes, recipients of previous SPP facilities funds are eligible.

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5. **My team member and I are trying to open a new childcare center. We were interested in applying for the Seattle Preschool Program Provider Facilities Fund grant. We have a couple of questions,**
- **Can we apply for this grant directly for the June 20th application as new providers? we are starting our business now we want to open a facility and we noticed that this grant can be used for start-ups**
 - **What licensing do we need before applying for this grant? We are a new start-up and wanted to get all of our licenses after hopefully getting a grant.**

This grant is for any agency under contract to provide preschool services for the Seattle Preschool Program (SPP) or the Pathway Program.

An agency must already be under contract with DEEL to provide SPP or Pathway services to apply for this grant.

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6. **If a contracted SPP agency moves their current SPP classroom to a new site, where we wish to apply for facilities funds, will the new site be considered an existing SPP site or a new site for SPP expansion? Are we still eligible to apply for our new construction early learning center/preschool project at the new site?**

An agency under contract to provide preschool services for the Seattle Preschool Program (SPP) or the Pathway Program is eligible to apply for the facilities funds RFI.

Regarding SPP program/classroom expansion, this is a separate process from the facilities funds. Please see the SPP RFQ on DEEL's website. <https://www.seattle.gov/education/for-providers/funding-opportunities>

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Program Requirements

1. **We are a FCC with SPP contract located in NE Seattle and would like to apply for this grant. We realize that we might be too late in the game to apply/ request for Pre-Development Services Program to be connected with one of the architects. If not please do connect us with one of them. We were thinking of the following, so please let us know if this would be feasible to apply for**
- **Replace our current wooden fence (3 sides) and gates surrounding the entrance and exit of our program. the current fence is leaning at certain places and there are gaping holes in the lower half of the fence in certain places which our neighbor's dog and poke it's head through. For security purposes we would also like to install a numerical electronic locking system on the gates so only parents who have this password can enter or exit the gate leading to the childcare space.**
 - **Install playground equipment that is installed into the ground**
 - **Install a canopy so children are protected from rain or sun while playing outside**

Please let us know what the expectations would be for funding the above-mentioned project.



The activities listed align with the list of eligible activities on page 2 of the RFI. If the project serves multiple uses, only activities and costs related to delivering preschool services are eligible for funding.

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Other

1. I want to attend the webinar for the grant on the 15th of May where can I find the link?

We did not host a live information session, but you can find the pre-recorded information session and information session slides here: <https://www.seattle.gov/education/for-providers/funding-opportunities/spp-provider-facilities-rfi-x148691>.

Use the following links to access forms and additional information you will need to apply for this funding opportunity.

Pre-Recorded Information Session	View Recording
Information Session Slides	View PDF slides
Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)	Access PDF, updated May 15, 2023

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2. If provider has a non-profit architect who assisted in the previous renovation, can they be used for a feasibility study for Phase III?

An agency can choose their own certified architect. Any agency applying for funds under this RFI bears the risk of all project costs incurred prior to executing a funding agreement with the City. An agency should not expect City funds to reimburse expenses accrued **prior** to executing a funding agreement with DEEL.

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