



Seattle Department of Education & Early Learning

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2022 Notice of Funding Availability

This notice provides an overview of DEEL's upcoming funding opportunities for 2022.

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, technical assistance opportunities, etc. will be posted on [DEEL's Funding Opportunities](#) webpage. Anticipated release dates may change, and 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

Seattle Preschool Program Provider Facilities Fund

Request for Investment

- **Anticipated Release Date:** May 2022
- **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.

Comprehensive Support Services

Request for Qualifications

- **Anticipated Release Date:** June 2022
- **Eligible Applicants:** Organizations or qualified individuals. Please see RFQ application document for complete details regarding eligibility.
- **Description:** This RFQ seeks to identify organizations and individuals to join a roster of qualified service providers who can offer individualized behavioral support and child development services, as needed, for children enrolled in the Seattle Preschool Program. Types of services needed include behavioral supports, developmental supports, trauma-informed practice, and social-emotional instruction. Qualified service providers on the roster will contract directly with Seattle Preschool Program providers.

Prenatal-to-Three Community Grant Program

Request for Investment

- **Anticipated Release Date:** July 2022
- **Eligible Applicants:** Community-based organizations
- **Description:** This 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 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.

Seattle Preschool Program

Request for Qualifications

- **Anticipated Release Date:** October 2022
- **Eligible Applicants:** School and community-based preschool agencies
- **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.

College and Career Readiness

Summer Learning

Request for Investment

- **Anticipated Release Date:** April 7, 2022
- **Eligible Applicants:** Community-based organizations
- **Description:** This RFI will expand or enhance existing academic and enrichment summer programs for Seattle K-12 students.

Youth Leadership

Request for Investment

- **Anticipated Release Date:** April 18, 2022
- **Eligible Applicants:** Community-based organizations
- **Description:** In response to recommendations from the Equitable Communities Initiative Taskforce, this RFI will invest in culturally-specific and responsive programming focused on youth leadership and cultural education.

Immigrant and Refugee Youth Out of School Time

Request for Investment

- **Anticipated Release Date:** April 18, 2022
- **Eligible Applicants:** Community-based organizations
- **Description:** This RFI will support culturally-specific and responsive after-school programming for middle and high school students with a priority for programs that support immigrant and refugee youth and provide in-language supports. These investments are intended to supplement funding that the City of Seattle provides to community-based organizations through the Families, Education, Preschool, and Promise (FEPP) Levy Opportunity & Access Investments.

Homelessness and Housing Support

Request for Investment

- **Anticipated Release Date:** April 18, 2022
- **Eligible Applicants:** Homelessness prevention and housing support service providers
- **Description:** This RFI will support services for Seattle Public School students and families experiencing unstable housing or homelessness. The selected housing partners will meet families where they are to assess their need for prevention services, provide housing case management and flexible emergency assistance funding to help the family stabilize their housing.

Educator Diversity

Request for Investment

- **Anticipated Release Date:** May 2, 2022
- **Eligible Applicants:** Community-based organizations
- **Description:** In response to recommendations from the Equitable Communities Initiative Taskforce, this RFI will invest in educator diversity-related programming and organizational/professional development.