



# NC DHHS Notice of Funding Availability

## Reporting Form

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**DHHS Division/Office issuing this notice:** Division of Child Development and Early Education (DCDEE)

**Date of this notice:** 8/9/2021

**RFA Title:** Preschool Development Grant Birth through Five (PDG B-5) Renewal Grant State-wide Birth to 3 Program Feasibility and Cost Study

**Purpose:**

The purpose of this RFA is to conduct a study of the feasibility and costs for the development and initiation of a program designed to provide high-quality comprehensive child development and family support to low-income at-risk children birth through age three and their families. The program will align with North Carolina Pre-Kindergarten Program (NC Pre-K) and would ensure children have a seamless birth through kindergarten early learning experience.

**Description:**

The successful applicant will conduct a feasibility and cost study to establish a statewide companion program to NC Pre-K, that will serve low-income and at-risk children birth to age three. The program model must use an equity lens to address child enrollment eligibility, site qualifications and requirements, classroom environment and program requirements, blended funding classrooms including private pay, teacher qualifications and commensurate compensation, family engagement, and program evaluation/monitoring.

**Funding Availability:**

This RFA is for an 18-month funding period, beginning with an estimated start date of January 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023. Up to \$1,000,000 may be available over the 18-month period depending on the availability of carry forward and continuation funds. Should a carry forward or no cost extension option be granted to DCDEE by the federal funder, the same option will be available to the contractor.

DCDEE will determine the actual funding amount based on the proposed execution of the project and the utilization of funds as outlined in the successful applicant's proposal, pending funding availability.

**Eligibility:**

DCDEE revised 1/27/2020

This RFA is open to state agencies and universities, public and private nonprofit organizations with a current 501(c)(3) standing with knowledge of North's Carolina's early childhood education mixed delivery system and expertise in conducting research and presenting data, providing consultation to state and local government agencies/personnel, and providing analysis of emerging conditions and child well-being.

**How to Apply:**

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RFA and required attachments will be posted to the DCDEE website:  
<https://nchildcare.ncdhhs.gov/Whats-New> on August 16, 2021.

EMAIL an electronic PDF of your application to the NC Division of Child Development and Early Education via this email: [DCDEE.PDGContracts.Unit.RFA@dhhs.nc.gov](mailto:DCDEE.PDGContracts.Unit.RFA@dhhs.nc.gov) .

**Intent to Apply:**

Eligible agencies and/or organizations interested in applying for this RFA are encouraged to notify DCDEE of their intent to apply via the following link, <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/XQKX3B5> no later than **5:00 p.m., August 27, 2021**. Agencies are not required to notify of their intent to respond to this RFA; this information is requested to assist DCDEE in planning.

**Deadline for Submission:**

Applications will be accepted until **5:00 p.m., September 30, 2021**.

**How to Obtain Further Information:**

For more information or to obtain a copy of the complete Request for Application please contact: Tilneil Gary ([DCDEE.PDGContracts.Unit.RFA@dhhs.nc.gov](mailto:DCDEE.PDGContracts.Unit.RFA@dhhs.nc.gov)) and Sharon Johnson ([DCDEE.PDGContracts.Unit.RFA@dhhs.nc.gov](mailto:DCDEE.PDGContracts.Unit.RFA@dhhs.nc.gov)) )