



Summary Notice of Funding Availability

Reporting Form

DHHS Division/Office Issuing This Notice: Division of Child Development and Early Education (DCDEE)

Date of This Notice: May 2, 2023

Program Name: Increasing Access to Child Care for Families Experiencing Homelessness

Purpose of the RFA: Through this Request for Applications, the Division seeks to increase access to child care for families experiencing homelessness and to increase supports provided to these families by providing training and technical assistance to child care facilities.

Description:

Research shows that homelessness can have a devastating impact on a child's development. Children experiencing homelessness are at an increased risk for developing health issues, developmental delays, academic under achievement and mental health problems. Most homeless children do not receive the educational, medical, mental health, and/or special education services needed to thrive. Children and families experiencing homelessness often have complex needs that requires intentional, meaningful and strong cross-sector collaborations.

As a part of the requirements of the Child Care and Development Fund, the state's largest federal grant to fund the Subsidized Child Care Assistance program and early childhood education system quality initiatives, DCDEE seeks an entity to provide training and technical assistance to child care programs as well as provide outreach to families experiencing homelessness on identifying families experiencing homelessness and how to support these families.

Funding Availability: This RFA will be for a 2-year funding cycle: 2023 -2024, and 2024 – 2025. Approximately \$350,00 will be available to support the 1-year funding cycle [\$350,000 year one and \$350,000 year 2]. Award(s) funded through this announcement will not exceed 700,000 over the two year period.

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.

Applicant Eligibility:

This RFA is open to state agencies and universities, public and private nonprofit organizations with a current 501(c)(3) standing who can demonstrate their capacity to manage Federal/State grant funds and programs at an intensive level in collaboration with multiple partners through satisfactory audit reports; education, experience, and expertise of key personnel; and demonstrated support for the proposal from the applicant's organization. Applicants must have successfully managed state/community initiatives and have demonstrated substantial expertise in evidence-based practices in providing professional development and technical assistance. Applicants must also exhibit knowledge of ECE systems, and expertise in developmentally and culturally appropriate practices for young children. Extensive knowledge and expertise in providing intensive coaching and consultation to the child care workforce is also required. Lastly, applicants must demonstrate and provide examples of their capacity to provide services to diverse populations, collaborate with vested stakeholders, and work effectively with various state and local agencies.

How to Apply:

EMAIL an electronic PDF of your application to the NC Division of Child Development and Early Education via this email:

DCDEE.Contracts.Unit.RFA@dhhs.nc.gov

The signature of an authorized official is required on the application face sheet. An electronic signature or an electronic scanned copy of the signed application face sheet will be accepted. **Only electronic application submissions via email will be accepted, i.e., do not mail, fax, or deliver copies of the application to DCDEE's physical or mailing address.**

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/9ZQN7XT> no later than **5:00 p.m., May 29, 2023.**

Agencies are **not** required to notify of their intent to respond to this RFA; this information is requested to assist DCDEE in planning. Responses to this notice of intent are not binding and will not impact the review and scoring of your RFA submission. Data from this survey is used by the State PREP Team for planning and research purposes only.

BIDDER'S CONFERENCE: DCDEE plans on hosting a Bidder's Conference for this RFA on **May 23, 2023 at 1:00 pm.** During this time an overview of the RFA will be presented along with an opportunity for Q&A. [Click here to join the session](#)

Deadline for Submission:

Applications, subject to the following conditions, must be received no later than **5:00 p.m., June 12, 2023.**

For more information or to obtain a copy of the complete Request for Application please contact: Laura Hewitt (laura.hewitt@dhhs.nc.gov)