

EARLY EDUCATION GRANT FUND

Fall 2017



Early Education Funders Collaborative

Vision

All students served by early childhood education providers in Greater Kansas City are kindergarten-ready and able to transition to schools that will build on that preparation through at least grade three.

Mission

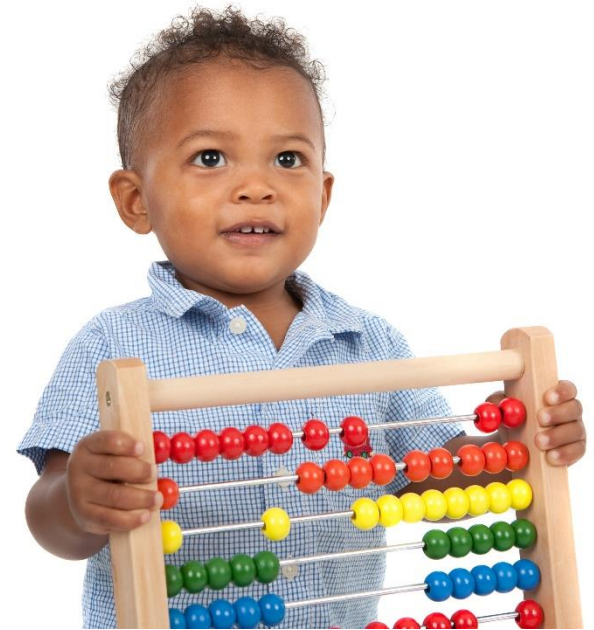
To support an early childhood education community that prepares students for success in kindergarten through grade three and informs public policy to enhance and sustain such a community into the future.

Partners

Francis Family Foundation
George K. Baum Family Foundation
Greater Kansas City Community Foundation
The H & R Block Foundation
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Hispanic Development Fund
Kauffman Foundation
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United Way of Greater Kansas City
William G. McGowan Charitable Fund

Early Education Grant Fund

- Supports early education initiatives in the Greater Kansas City area that increase quality and/or access for low-income families and children of color
 - School- or center-based providers
 - Support organizations
- Spring 2017
 - \$3.2 million
 - 12 grants
- Detailed information online at www.growyourgiving.org/early-ed
 - Application opens August 1, 2017
 - Applications due September 1, 2017
 - \$2.2 million available
- Funding decisions made in November 2017



Early Education Grant Fund

- All grant proposals must demonstrate proven or promising results in preparing children to succeed in kindergarten and beyond
- Areas of preference, all with measurable outcomes
 - Teacher and leader development
 - Parent engagement
 - Quality improvement
- General operating support requests must provide specific outcomes measurable within the grant period
- Funding for building/construction is not available

School- and Center-Based Providers

- **Eligibility**

- Organization is a 501(c)(3) public charity or public school district
- At least 40% of children served receive free/reduced price lunch, financial assistance, or child care subsidy at the time of application
- Provider is located within the six-county region (Cass, Clay, Jackson, Platte, Johnson, Wyandotte)
- Licensed or license-exempt
- Enrollment of at least 30 children ages birth to five
- Utilizing an evidence-based tool to assess kindergarten readiness

School- and Center-Based Providers

- Programs enrolling 30-99 children ages birth to five
 - Up to \$250,000
 - Up to two years
- Programs enrolling 100 or more children ages birth to five
 - Up to \$500,000
 - Up to two years



Support Organizations

- **Eligibility**
 - Organization is a 501(c)(3) public charity
 - Organization serves children ages birth to five within the six-county region (Cass, Clay, Jackson, Platte, Johnson, Wyandotte)
- Grants up to \$500,000 for up to two years

Outcomes

- Use SMART goals
 - Specific
 - Measurable
 - Attainable
 - Relevant
 - Time-bound



- Format example:
By **DATE**, program will **DO SOMETHING SPECIFIC** that results in **A MEASURABLE OUTCOME** as measured by **A MEASUREMENT TOOL OR ACTIVITY**.
- **Maximum of 10 outcomes**
 - Average is 3-5

Outcomes

- Example 1:

“By **November 30, 2017** we will **serve 15 more children qualifying for state subsidy than our 2016 baseline** as measured by **our student roster and submission of appropriate forms.**”

- Example 2:

“By **May 30, 2018** at least **80 percent of students in our program age four or higher will be assessed as kindergarten-ready** as measured by **annual administration of the Teaching Strategies Gold assessment (an increase of 10 percent).**”

Early Education Grant Fund Application

- The complete grant guidelines and application can be found on the Greater Kansas City Community Foundation's website
 - <https://www.growyourgiving.org/early-ed-grant>
- There are two applications:
 - School- and Center-Based Provider
 - Support Organization
- Applications must be submitted through the Internet Grant Application Manager (IGAM)