



FY 2023 Early Childhood Development (ECD) Funding Opportunity (HRSA-23-028) TA Webinar for Applicants

Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA), Bureau of Primary Health Care (BPHC)

Vision: Healthy Communities, Healthy People



AGENDA

- Welcome
- Funding Opportunity Overview
- Other Considerations and Reporting
- Technical Assistance Resources
- Questions



Background

- Children ages 0-5 undergo rapid physical, cognitive, linguistic, and social-emotional growth and development.¹
- Assessing children’s development between ages 0-5 through developmental monitoring, developmental screening, and developmental evaluation can identify issues early and help children obtain necessary treatment or intervention.²
- 1 in 6 children has one or more developmental or behavioral disabilities, such as autism, a learning disorder, or attention-deficit/hyperactivity disorder.³

1. Fatima Malik and Raman Marwaha, *Developmental Stages of Social Emotional Development In Children*, May 10, 2022, <https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/books/NBK534819/>.

2. CDC, “CDC’s Developmental Milestones,” August 17, 2022, <https://www.cdc.gov/ncbddd/actearly/milestones/index.html>.

3. CDC, “Child Development,” February 15, 2022, <https://www.cdc.gov/ncbddd/childdevelopment/index.html>.



Need

- Less than 37% of young children receive a recommended developmental screening from a health care provider.⁴
- Rates are even lower for ethnic and racial minorities and children from low-income families: black children with developmental delays are 78% less likely to receive early intervention services.⁵
- In 2021, health centers served over 2.8 million children ages 0-5, representing a key opportunity for ECD screening and related services.

4. Data Resource Center for Child & Adolescent Health (2019). National Survey of Children's Health. <https://www.childhealthdata.org/browse/survey>.

5. Increasing Equity in Early Intervention. The Education Trust. <https://edtrust.org/increasing-equity-in-early-intervention/#:~:text=Compared%20to%20their%20White%20peers,to%20receive%20early%20intervention%20services>.



Funding Opportunity Overview



Purpose

- Improve developmental outcomes among children served by health centers
- Increase the number of **developmental screenings** for children ages 0-5
- Increase **access to appropriate follow-up services**, as needed
- Build ECD expertise into care teams



Award Summary

Total Funding: Approximately \$30 million

Expected Number of Awards: Up to 150

Max Per Award: \$200,000 per year

Start Date: September 1, 2023

Period of Performance: 2 years (September 1, 2023 – August 31, 2025)

New Grant Number: H8K



Objectives and Focus Areas

Funding Objectives

Increase the number of children ages 0-5 who receive recommended developmental screenings

Increase the number of children and their families assisted with accessing appropriate follow-up services within 30 days of a developmental screening identifying an area of concern

Activity Focus Areas

Workforce recruitment, retention, development, and engagement

Patient/caregiver experience

Access and affordability

Population health and health-related social needs



Eligibility

- Current Health Center Program operational grant (H80) award recipients



Two-Tier Application Submission



Applicants must meet both Grants.gov and EHBs deadlines



Application Components



Applications must not exceed 60 pages

Phase 1

- SF-424: Application for Federal Assistance
- Project Abstract Summary
- Project/Performance Site Locations
- Grants.gov Lobbying Form
- Key Contacts

Phase 2

- Project Narrative
- Budget Presentation
 - SF-424A: Budget Information Form
 - Budget Narrative
- Program-Specific Forms
- Attachments

Project Narrative - Review Criteria

Scoring

**Need
(20 pts)**

**Response
(25 pts)**

- *Work Plan
(10)*
- *Activities
Evaluation
(15)*

**Collaboration
(10 pts)**

**Resources/
Capabilities
(20 pts)**

**Evaluative
Measures
(15 points)**

**Support
Requested
(10 pts)**



SF-424A Budget Information Form

Maximum funding request: \$200,000 per year

Section A

- Year 1 (up to \$200,000)
- Same subprogram proportions as current H80 grant

Section B

- Year 1 (up to \$200,000)
- Object class category breakdown
- Total aligns with total in Section A

Section C

- Year 1 non-federal resources by subprogram

Section E

- Year 2 (up to \$200,000) under “first” future year field
- Leave other future years blank



Budget Narrative

- Detailed line-item budget
- Breakdown for each year of the 2-year period of performance
- Year 1 breakdown consistent with the SF-424A, Section B
- Outlines and explains all federal and non-federal expenses
- Includes personnel justification table, if applicable

Ineligible Costs



Mobile units are allowable purchases



Costs already supported with H80 or supplemental funding



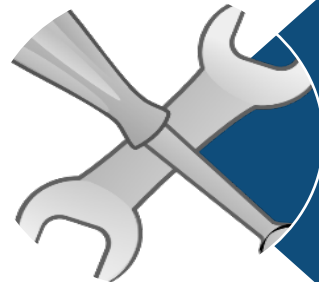
Facility or land purchases



Purchase and/or installation of trailers and pre-fabricated modular units



EHRs that are not ONC certified



Minor alterations and renovations; new construction



Costs not related to the ECD purpose

Forms and Attachments



*Refer to the ECD NOFO
for detailed instructions*

Program-Specific Forms

Project Overview Form
(required)

Staffing Impact Form
(required)

Equipment List Form (if
applicable)

Attachments

Letters of support (if
applicable)

Other relevant
documents (if applicable,
e.g., indirect cost rate
agreement)

Project Overview Form: Work Plan

- 2-year plan
- Four activity focus areas are pre-populated
 - **Activity Area Field:** Select at least 1 activity area for each focus area
 - Select from dropdown list or write in an "other" activity area
 - **Activity Field:** Write in at least 1 activity per focus area
 - **Time Frame for Activity Completion Field:** Select year 1, year 2, or ongoing
- Align with information in other application components



Activity Areas by Focus Area

- **Workforce Recruitment, Retention, Development, and Engagement**
 - Workforce recruitment, including recruiting/contracting for early childhood development specialists/expertise
 - Workforce training, including training health center staff to expand or enhance early childhood expertise
 - Workforce engagement, including staff satisfaction activities
- **Access and Affordability**
 - Outreach
 - Mobile screenings
 - Transportation
 - Translation
 - Patient education
 - Eligibility assistance
- **Patient/Caregiver Experience**
 - Team-based care coordination (required)
 - Partnership and engagement with patients, families, and caregivers
 - Building trusting relationships
- **Population Health and Health-Related Social Needs**
 - Care coordination and patient/caregiver navigation
 - Eligibility assistance and referrals to address social risk factors
 - Enhancing health IT workflows
 - Community partnerships and collaborations



Project Overview Form: ECD Expertise

- You must ensure that your health center has the ECD expertise necessary to support screening and assistance with accessing needed follow-up services either through:
 - Enhancing existing ECD expertise, and/or
 - Hiring or contracting with new personnel into your care teams



Staffing Impact Form

- Enter all direct hire personnel and/or contractor FTEs who will support increasing developmental screening and needed follow-up services
- List only personnel you will support with ECD funds
- Example on the ECD technical assistance webpage lists the allowable positions

Personnel Categories

- Physicians
- Nurse practitioners, physician assistants, and certified midwives
- Medical
- Behavioral health
- Professional services
- Enabling services
- Other

Other Considerations and Reporting



Other Considerations: Award Factors



Continued H80 grant status

No 30-day requirements-related conditions

Rural/urban funding considerations

Other Considerations: Scope of Project

Review scope (services, sites, and activities)



Submit requests for changes outside of ECD application



Receive approval before implementation

Reminder: Contact your Health Center Program specialist with scope questions

Reporting

Non-Competing Continuation (NCC) Progress Report

- Progress report including year 2 budget and updated work plan
- Provide data on assisting with follow-up measure

Semi-Annual Reports

- Accomplishments and barriers
- Informed by ECD work plan

Assistance with Follow-Up Data Report

- In year 2, provide data on assisting with follow-up measure



Funding Beyond 2-Year Period of Performance

Possibility of ongoing funding beyond year 2, dependent on:

- Progress on screening objective measured through 2024 UDS data
- Progress on assisting with follow-up objective measured through Non-Competing Continuation (NCC) Progress Report and Assistance with Follow-Up Data Report
- Availability of appropriated funds
- Decision that continued funding is in the best interest of the federal government

Key Dates

March 17, 2023: Application due in Grants.gov by 11:59 p.m. ET



April 18, 2023: Application due in EHBs by 5 p.m. ET



September 1, 2023: Award start date

Technical Assistance Resources



ECD Technical Assistance Webpage

ECD NOFO

TA Contacts

**Presentation Slides
and Recording**

FAQs

**Example Budget
Narrative**

Example Work Plan

**Sample Staffing
Impact Form**



TA Contacts

Application Questions

- [BPHC Contact Form](#)
 - Under *Funding*, select *Applications* (e.g., NOFOs)
 - Select *Early Childhood Development (ECD)*
- 301-594-4300

Grants.gov Issues

- [Grants.gov Contact Center](#)
- 800-518-4726

EHB Questions

- [Health Center Program Support](#)
 - Under *Technical Support*, select *EHBs Tasks/EHBs Technical Issues*
- 877-464-4772

Budget Questions

- [Vera Windham](#)



Questions



Thank You!

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