

Requested Information for ACF apportionments FY 2026

Preschool Development Grants – Carryover Funding

Budgetary resources

- Provide the source of authority (i.e., citation for relevant authorization and/or appropriations acts) for each resource type (e.g., appropriations, transfers, contract authority, borrowing authority, offsetting collections, and collections).
 - Full-Year Continuing Appropriations and Extensions Act, 2025, Public Law 119-4
- Where applicable, explain the methodology for calculating the budget resources (e.g., such sums)
 - Funding is calculated based on the carryover amount.
- Explain the source of (1) prior year balances and recoveries, and (2) anticipated/actual current year recoveries by program or activity. Provide justification for unspent funding including comparison of assumptions to actuals (i.e., program X assume a participation of Y but actual participation was Z). Ensure the spend plan referenced below details how prior year funds will be used in the current fiscal year.
 - Prior year carry-over - \$225,227,803.93. Funding was planned to carry into the next fiscal year to reflect the grants cycle.
- Provide details about source or destination of transfers and intended use of funds. Ensure that all known anticipated transfers are captured (e.g., 477 transfers to BIA).
 - N/A
- Explain any changes in budgetary resources since the previous approval for reappropriation requests.
 - N/A

Application of budgetary resources

- Explain the approach for Category A, B, and C requests.
 - For Category A requests, explain variations across quarters.
 - N/A
 - For Category B requests, indicate if lines are statutory set-asides or allocations
 - N/A
 - For Category C requests, indicate when the agency anticipates apportioning these resources (e.g., the following fiscal year, a future fiscal year, etc.).
 - N/A
 - Identify areas where the agency has statutory discretion to allocate resources.
 - N/A
- Explain the purpose and necessity of each “A” footnote.
 - The current “A” footnote allows for an additional spending from offsetting collections without needing to submit a reappropriation.
 - N/A

- For each major program or activity, provide a spend plan detailing the following. Relevant spend plan sections should be updated for reapportionment requests. Include prior-year funds where applicable.
 - Program/activity objective
 - Focuses on building more robust early childhood systems by improving the coordination of delivery models and funding streams existing in each state’s mixed delivery system. States use funding to provide workforce compensation and support, family engagement, quality improvements, data integration, and direct services for young children.
 - Planned use and allocation of funds, including all allocations referenced in the agency Operating Plan and statutory set-asides;
 - \$223 million for grants, \$1.5 million for grant support contract, and \$700,000 for program support, including \$500,000 for salaries.
 - Number of FTE by component supported by the apportionment;
 - 13 FTE are supported from this program’s funding.
 - Areas where the agency made policy choices, if any (e.g., funding research and evaluation or demonstration grant priorities);
 - N/A
 - Estimated state-by-state allocations for state formula grants;
 - N/A
 - Information on the process for awarding competitive grants, including eligible applicants and the timeline for completing NOFO, holding competition, selecting recipients, and making awards
 - This NOFO focuses on building more robust early childhood systems by improving the coordination of delivery models and funding streams existing in each state’s mixed delivery system. States use funding to provide workforce compensation and support, family engagement, quality improvements, data integration, and direct services for young children.
 - 11/19 Anticipated publication date for the NOFO
 - 12/01 Applications due
 - 12/02 - 12/05 Screening and building panels; panel training
 - 12/06 – 12/19 Estimated panel review/ranking and final decisions
 - 12/31 Estimated award date
 - A list of grantees supported by continuation grants (or a link to where such information is posted) and contractors providing services (and specify service provided); and
 - Continuation grants at the end of September 30, 2025:
 - Rhode Island Department of Human Services
 - South Carolina Department of Social Services
 - Washington Department of Children, Youth, and Families
 - New York Office of Children and Family Services

- Tennessee Department of Education
- Michigan Department of Lifelong Education, Advancement, and Potential
- Kansas Dept of Education
- Virginia Department of Education
- District of Columbia Office of the State Superintendent of Education
- Minnesota Department of Education
- North Carolina Department of Health & Human Services
- Continuation contract:
 - Guidehouse - Provides staff support and subject-matter expertise for evaluation of grant awards.
- Projected program participation and benefit amounts the apportioned level of funding would support, where applicable.
 - Up to 25 states are expected to receive this funding.