

# EARLY CHILDHOOD BLOCK GRANT (ECBG) 2025-2026 (SFY26)

Summary and Funding Recommendations  
Approved April 4, 2025



## OVERVIEW

### PROPOSAL SUMMARY

Total Applications Received: **44**

Funding Requested: **\$41,348,104**

Grantees Recommended for Funding: **25**

Funding Recommendation: **\$23,036,428**

November 18, 2024	Application Opens on Kansas CommonApp Portal
November 22, 2024	RFP & Application Webinar
January 8, 2025	Applications Due
Jan 8 – Mar 27, 2025	Application Review Period
April 4, 2025	Children's Cabinet reviews and approves recommendations for 2025-2026 ECBG grant awards
April 7 – 11, 2025	Notice of pending awards emailed to recipients
May or June 2025	Once the Legislature has approved the state budget, Grant Award Contracts will be emailed out to complete.
7/1/25 – 6/30/26	Grant & Evaluation Year

# Funding Recommendations

Applicant	SFY25 Funding	SFY26 Recommendation
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$22,800,000</b>	<b>\$23,036,428.37</b>
<a href="#"><u>Child Advocacy and Parenting Services (CAPS)</u></a>	\$1,034,660	\$1,138,126.00
<a href="#"><u>Early Childhood Collective of Douglas County</u></a> (formerly Success by Six of Douglas County – SB6)	\$1,018,285	\$820,236.66
<a href="#"><u>Family Resource Center, Inc.</u></a>	\$1,861,888	\$2,048,076.80
<a href="#"><u>Four County Mental Health Center</u></a>	\$472,209	\$451,864.00
<a href="#"><u>Growing Futures Early Education Center</u></a>	\$510,642	\$1,021,284.00
<a href="#"><u>Junction City Family YMCA</u></a>	\$463,085	\$495,000.00
<a href="#"><u>LiveWell Northwest Kansas – Smart Start</u></a>	\$496,634	\$516,795.02
<a href="#"><u>Phillipsburg Child Care Center (PCCC)</u></a>	\$100,911	\$111,002.10
<a href="#"><u>Riley County Health Department – Raising Riley</u></a>	\$911,757	\$911,757.00
<a href="#"><u>Russell Child Development Center (RCDC)</u></a>	\$2,569,565	\$2,371,160.14
<a href="#"><u>The Family Conservancy (TFC) – Start Young</u></a>	\$1,790,383	\$1,761,515.65
<a href="#"><u>TOP Early Learning Centers</u></a>	\$2,962,684	\$2,962,684.00
<a href="#"><u>Tree House Early Education Foundation</u></a>	\$200,000	\$220,000.00
<a href="#"><u>United Way of Kaw Valley – Capital Area Successful Start (CASS)</u></a>	\$2,530,492	\$2,526,561.75
<a href="#"><u>United Way of Reno County</u></a>	\$922,906	\$883,620.93
<a href="#"><u>United Way of the Plains</u></a> (application combined with KCSL for FY26)	\$1,175,368	\$1,175,368.00
<a href="#"><u>USD 273 Beloit – Mitchell County Partnership for Children (MCPC)</u></a>	\$414,500	\$426,837.00
<a href="#"><u>USD 293 Quinter</u></a>	\$151,730	\$166,097.00
<a href="#"><u>USD 298 Lincoln</u></a>	\$127,396	\$127,396.00
<a href="#"><u>USD 445 Coffeyville</u></a>	\$790,848	\$743,505.00
<a href="#"><u>USD 450 Shawnee Heights</u></a>	\$360,504	\$188,268.00
<a href="#"><u>USD 489 Hays – Connections Preschool</u></a>	\$380,733	\$243,876.00
<a href="#"><u>USD 500 Kansas City</u></a>	\$1,167,047	\$1,258,930.00
<b>New Proposed Grantee</b> <a href="#"><u>Finney County Childcare &amp; Early Learning Network, Inc.</u></a>	N/A	\$141,789.50
<b>New Proposed Grantee</b> <a href="#"><u>KidZone Learning Center of Wyandotte County, Inc.</u></a>	N/A	\$324,680.82

# Project Overviews

## Child Advocacy and Parenting Services

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- **Type of Application:** Kansas 501(C)(3)
- **Counties Served:** North Central - Ellsworth & Saline
- **Estimated Children to be Served:** 735
- **Estimated Families to be Served:** 645
- **ECBG Programs and Services Proposed:** Child Care, Pre-K, Classroom Materials and Curriculum, Parent Education, Home Visiting
- **Named Partners in Proposal:** Smoky Hill Child Care Foundation
- **Service Reach and Impact Highlights:**
  - 84% of families had one or more risk factors.
  - 89% of Pre-K children were on track in language comprehension in the spring.

## Early Childhood Collective of Douglas County

*(formerly Success by Six of Douglas County)*

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- **Type of Application:** Kansas 501(C)(3)
- **Counties Served:** Northeast - Douglas
- **Estimated Children to be Served:** 330
- **Estimated Families to be Served:** 350
- **ECBG Programs and Services Proposed:** Mental and Behavioral Health Services for Children, Child Care, Classroom Materials and Curriculum, Parent Education, Case Management
- **Named Partners in Proposal:** Positive Bright Start
- **Service Reach and Impact Highlights:**
  - 95% of families had one or more risk factors and 74% had three or more.
  - 80% of environments were observed to meet high quality standards.

## Family Resource Center, Inc (FRC)

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- **Type of Application:** Kansas 501(C)(3)
- **Counties Served:** Southeast - Allen, Bourbon, Cherokee, Crawford, Labette, Neosho
- **Estimated Children to be Served:** 884
- **Estimated Families to be Served:** 864
- **ECBG Programs and Services Proposed:** Mental and Behavioral Health Services for Children, Child Care, Pre-K, Classroom Materials and Curriculum, Parent Education, Home Visiting, Case Management
- **Named Partners in Proposal:** Community Health Center of SE KS, Growing Place Child Care Center, Mercy Hospital, USD 234 Fort Scott, USD 249 Frontenac, USD 250 Pittsburg, USD 404 Riverton, USD 506 Labette, USD 508 Baxter
- **Service Reach and Impact Highlights:**
  - 96% of families had one or more risk factors.
  - 82% of children were on track in early communication.

## Four County Mental Health Center

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- **Type of Application:** Kansas 501(C)(3)
- **Counties Served:** SE & South Central - Chautauqua, Cowley, Elk, Montgomery, Wilson
- **Estimated Children to be Served:** 135
- **Estimated Families to be Served:** 135
- **ECBG Programs and Services Proposed:** Mental and Behavioral Health Services for Children, Parent Education
- **Named Partners in Proposal:** None
- **Service Reach and Impact Highlights:**
  - 99% of families served had one or more risk factors and 56% had three or more risk factors.
  - 85% of caregivers displayed positive parenting at the end of the parent education program.

## Growing Futures Early Education Center

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- **Type of Application:** Kansas 501(C)(3)
- **Counties Served:** Northeast - Johnson
- **Estimated Children to be Served:** 227
- **Estimated Families to be Served:** 193
- **ECBG Programs and Services Proposed:** Pre-K, Classroom Materials and Curriculum, Home Visiting
- **Named Partners in Proposal:** None
- **Service Reach and Impact Highlights:**
  - 100% of families had one or more risk factors and 75% had three or more.
  - 90% of caregivers displayed positive parenting at the end of the parent education program.

## Junction City Family YMCA

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- **Type of Application:** Kansas 501(C)(3)
- **Counties Served:** North Central - Geary
- **Estimated Children to be Served:** 160
- **Estimated Families to be Served:** 120
- **ECBG Programs and Services Proposed:** Parent Education, Home Visiting
- **Named Partners in Proposal:** None
- **Service Reach and Impact Highlights:**
  - 99% of families had one or more risk factors.
  - 42% increase in parents who displayed positive parenting skills by the end of services.

## LiveWell Northwest Kansas – Smart Start

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- **Type of Application:** Kansas 501(C)(3)
- **Counties Served:** NW & North Central – Decatur, Ellis, Gove, Graham, Logan, Norton, Phillips, Rawlins, Sheridan, Sherman, Smith, Thomas, Trego, Wallace
- **Estimated Children to be Served:** 341
- **Estimated Families to be Served:** 341
- **ECBG Programs and Services Proposed:** Mental and Behavioral Health Services for Children, Child Care, Classroom Materials and Curriculum, Parent Education, Home Visiting
- **Named Partners in Proposal:** None
- **Service Reach and Impact Highlights:**
  - 88% of families had one or more risk factors.
  - 94% of classrooms were observed to meet high quality standards.

## Phillipsburg Child Care Center (PCCC)

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- **Type of Application:** Kansas 501(C)(3)
- **Counties Served:** Northwest – Phillips
- **Estimated Children to be Served:** 30
- **Estimated Families to be Served:** 30
- **ECBG Programs and Services Proposed:** Child Care, Pre-K, Classroom Materials and Curriculum,
- **Named Partners in Proposal:** None
- **Service Reach and Impact Highlights:**
  - 67% of families had one or more risk factors.
  - 100% of Pre-K children were on track in numeracy.

## Riley County Heath Department- Raising Riley

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- **Type of Application:** Kansas County and City Governments
- **Counties Served:** Northeast - Riley
- **Estimated Children to be Served:** 111
- **Estimated Families to be Served:** 106
- **ECBG Programs and Services Proposed:** Child Care, Pre-K, Classroom Materials and Curriculum, Parent Education
- **Named Partners in Proposal:** USD 383 Manhattan-Ogden
- **Service Reach and Impact Highlights:**
  - 99% of families had one or more risk factors.
  - 67% of Pre-K children were on track in phonological awareness, which was the highest percentage in any ECBG program.

## Russell Child Development Center (RCDC)

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- **Type of Application:** Kansas 501(C)(3)
- **Counties Served:** Southwest - Clark, Finney, Ford, Grant, Gray, Greeley, Hamilton, Haskell, Hodgeman, Kearny, Lane, Meade, Morton, Ness, Scott, Seward, Stanton, Stevens, Wichita
- **Estimated Children to be Served:** 1,186
- **Estimated Families to be Served:** 1,186
- **ECBG Programs and Services Proposed:** Child Care, Classroom Materials and Curriculum, Parent Education, Home Visiting, Case Management
- **Named Partners in Proposal:** USD 443 Dodge City
- **Service Reach and Impact Highlights:**
  - 89% of families had one or more risk factors.
  - 45% increase in children on track in language comprehension from fall (30%) to spring (75%).

## The Family Conservancy (TFC) – Start Young

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- **Type of Application:** Kansas 501(C)(3)
- **Counties Served:** Northeast - Wyandotte
- **Estimated Children to be Served:** 620
- **Estimated Families to be Served:** 527
- **ECBG Programs and Services Proposed:** Mental and Behavioral Health Services for Children, Child Care, Classroom Materials and Curriculum
- **Named Partners in Proposal:** Child Care Aware of Kansas, Juniper Gardens Children's Project, Mid-America Regional Council
- **Service Reach and Impact Highlights:**
  - 88% of families had one or more risk factors and 52% had three or more.
  - 62% of children were on track in early communication by spring.

## TOP Early Learning Centers

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- **Type of Application:** Kansas 501(C)(3)
- **Counties Served:** South Central - Sedgwick
- **Estimated Children to be Served:** 400
- **Estimated Families to be Served:** 400
- **ECBG Programs and Services Proposed:** Child Care, Pre-K, Classroom Materials and Curriculum, Parent Education, Case Management
- **Named Partners in Proposal:** Kansas Children's Service League, Rainbows United, USD 260 Derby
- **Service Reach and Impact Highlights:**
  - 96% of families had one or more risk factors.
  - 100% of caregivers displayed positive parenting by the end of the program.



## Tree House Early Education Foundation

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- **Type of Application:** Kansas 501(C)(3)
- **Counties Served:** Southeast - Chautauqua, Elk, Labette, Montgomery, Neosho, Wilson
- **Estimated Children to be Served:** 44
- **Estimated Families to be Served:** 44
- **ECBG Programs and Services Proposed:** Child Care, Classroom Materials and Curriculum, Case Management
- **Named Partners in Proposal:** None
- **Service Reach and Impact Highlights:**
  - 91% of families had one or more risk factors.
  - 100% of classrooms were observed to meet quality standards.

## United Way of Kaw Valley – Capital Area Successful Start (CASS)

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- **Type of Application:** Kansas 501(C)(3)
- **Counties Served:** Northeast - Shawnee
- **Estimated Children to be Served:** 1,074
- **Estimated Families to be Served:** 947
- **ECBG Programs and Services Proposed:** Special Needs Services for Children, Child Care, Pre-K, Classroom Materials and Curriculum, Parent Education, Home Visiting
- **Named Partners in Proposal:** Child Care Aware of Eastern Kansas, Community Action, Family Service & Guidance Center, Kansas Children's Service League, Shawnee County Health Department, TARC, USD 501 Topeka Public Schools
- **Service Reach and Impact Highlights:**
  - 89% of families had one or more risk factors.
  - 28% increase in proficiency in early communication from fall to spring.

## United Way of Reno County

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- **Type of Application:** Kansas 501(C)(3)
- **Counties Served:** South Central - Reno
- **Estimated Children to be Served:** 890
- **Estimated Families to be Served:** 550
- **ECBG Programs and Services Proposed:** Special Needs Services for Children, Child Care, Classroom Materials and Curriculum, Home Visiting, Case Management
- **Named Partners in Proposal:** Build Me Up, Hadley Child Care Center, Kansas Children's Service League, Reno County Education Coop, USD 308 Hutchinson, USD 310 Fairfield, USD 311 Pretty Prairie, USD 312 Haven
- **Service Reach and Impact Highlights:**
  - 87% of families had one or more risk factors.
  - 71% of 3-year-old children were on track in emergent literacy by spring.

## United Way of the Plains

*(application combined with KCSL for FY26)*

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- **Type of Application:** Kansas 501(C)(3)
- **Counties Served:** South Central - Sedgwick
- **Estimated Children to be Served:** 330
- **Estimated Families to be Served:** 330
- **ECBG Programs and Services Proposed:** Mental and Behavioral Health Services for Children, Child Care, Pre-K, Classroom Materials and Curriculum, Parent Education, Home Visiting
- **Named Partners in Proposal:** Kansas Children's Service League, Rainbows United, USD 259 Wichita, USD 261 Haysville, USD 266 Maize, YMCA of Greater Wichita
- **Service Reach and Impact Highlights:**
  - 93% of families had one or more risk factors, and 55% had three or more.
  - 71% of children achieved proficiency on the DECA by spring.
  - 28% increase of children on track in life skills development by the spring.

## USD 273 Beloit – Mitchell County Partnerships for Children (MCPC)

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- **Type of Application:** Kansas Unified School District (USD) – NOT currently receiving Kansas Preschool Pilot (KPP) funding from the Kansas State Department of Education
- **Counties Served:** North Central – Cloud, Jewell, Lincoln, Mitchell, Osborne
- **Estimated Children to be Served:** 250
- **Estimated Families to be Served:** 250
- **ECBG Programs and Services Proposed:** Child Care, Classroom Materials and Curriculum, Parent Education
- **Named Partners in Proposal:** None
- **Service Reach and Impact Highlights:**
  - 71% of families had one or more risk factors.
  - 96% of classrooms were observed to meet high quality standards.

## USD 293 Quinter

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- **Type of Application:** Kansas Unified School District (USD) – NOT currently receiving Kansas Preschool Pilot (KPP) funding from the Kansas State Department of Education
- **Counties Served:** Northwest – Gove, Sheridan, Trego
- **Estimated Children to be Served:** 30
- **Estimated Families to be Served:** 30
- **ECBG Programs and Services Proposed:** Pre-K, Classroom Materials and Curriculum
- **Named Partners in Proposal:** Northwest Kansas Educational Service Center
- **Service Reach and Impact Highlights:**
  - 88% of families had one or more risk factors.
  - 92% of Pre-K children were on track in language comprehension.

## USD 298 Lincoln

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- **Type of Application:** Kansas Unified School District (USD) – NOT currently receiving Kansas Preschool Pilot (KPP) funding from the Kansas State Department of Education
- **Counties Served:** North Central - Lincoln
- **Estimated Children to be Served:** 44
- **Estimated Families to be Served:** 44
- **ECBG Programs and Services Proposed:** Child Care, Pre-K, Classroom Materials and Curriculum
- **Named Partners in Proposal:** Mitchell County Partnership for Children
- **Service Reach and Impact Highlights:**
  - 78% of families had one or more risk factors.
  - 100% of Pre-K classrooms were observed to meet high quality standards.

## USD 445 Coffeyville

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- **Type of Application:** Kansas Unified School District (USD) – NOT currently receiving Kansas Preschool Pilot (KPP) funding from the Kansas State Department of Education
- **Counties Served:** Southeast - Montgomery
- **Estimated Children to be Served:** 168
- **Estimated Families to be Served:** 168
- **ECBG Programs and Services Proposed:** Child Care, Pre-K, Classroom Materials and Curriculum
- **Named Partners in Proposal:** Coffeyville Coalition for Early Education
- **Service Reach and Impact Highlights:**
  - 94% of families had one or more risk factors and 57% had three or more.
  - 100% of Pre-K classrooms were observed to meet high quality standards.

## USD 450 Shawnee Heights

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- **Type of Application:** Kansas Unified School District (USD) – NOT currently receiving Kansas Preschool Pilot (KPP) funding from the Kansas State Department of Education
- **Counties Served:** Northeast - Shawnee
- **Estimated Children to be Served:** 70
- **Estimated Families to be Served:** 70
- **ECBG Programs and Services Proposed:** Pre-K, Classroom Materials and Curriculum
- **Named Partners in Proposal:** None
- **Service Reach and Impact Highlights:**
  - 81% of families had one or more risk factors.
  - 93% of children were on track in life skills development by spring.

## USD 489 Hays – Connections Preschool

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- **Type of Application:** Kansas Unified School District (USD) – NOT currently receiving Kansas Preschool Pilot (KPP) funding from the Kansas State Department of Education
- **Counties Served:** Northwest - Ellis
- **Estimated Children to be Served:** 64
- **Estimated Families to be Served:** 64
- **ECBG Programs and Services Proposed:** Pre-K, Classroom Materials and Curriculum
- **Named Partners in Proposal:** Behavior Solutions, LLC
- **Service Reach and Impact Highlights:**
  - 100% of families had one or more risk factors and 67% had three or more.
  - 81% of Pre-K children were on track in numeracy.

## USD 500 Kansas City – Project SPARK

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- **Type of Application:** Kansas Unified School District (USD) – NOT currently receiving Kansas Preschool Pilot (KPP) funding from the Kansas State Department of Education
- **Counties Served:** Northeast - Wyandotte
- **Estimated Children to be Served:** 120
- **Estimated Families to be Served:** 120
- **ECBG Programs and Services Proposed:** Pre-K, Classroom Materials and Curriculum
- **Named Partners in Proposal:** None
- **Service Reach and Impact Highlights:**
  - 100% of families had one or more risk factors and 82% had three or more.
  - 26% increase in children on track in numeracy reaching 71% in the spring.

## Finney County Childcare & Early Learning Network, Inc.

*(NEW PROPOSED GRANTEE)*

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- **Type of Application:** Kansas 501(C)(3)
- **Counties Served:** Southwest - Finney, Gray, Haskell, Kearny, Scott
- **Estimated Children to be Served:** 50
- **Estimated Families to be Served:** 50
- **ECBG Programs and Services Proposed:** Child Care, Classroom Materials and Curriculum
- **Named Partners in Proposal:** Garden Academy Early Learning Center
- **Service Reach and Impact Highlights:**
  - N/A

KidZone Learning Center of Wyandotte, Inc.  
(NEW PROPOSED GRANTEE)

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- **Type of Application:** Kansas 501(C)(3)
- **Counties Served:** Northeast - Johnson, Wyandotte
- **Estimated Children to be Served:** 253
- **Estimated Families to be Served:** 200
- **ECBG Programs and Services Proposed:** Mental and Behavioral Health Services for Children, Child Care, Classroom Materials and Curriculum
- **Named Partners in Proposal:** HopeBound Counseling, Inc.
- **Service Reach and Impact Highlights:**
  - N/A