



Cabinet Meeting

FRIDAY, APRIL 4, 2025



CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH

Today is “**Wear Blue Day**” to kick off Child Abuse Prevention month

Materials Available

- Pinwheels
- Yard Signs
- Lapel Pins
- Email pinwheels@kcsl.org for more information



A photograph of a baby in a blue and white striped sweater reaching up towards the sun in a grassy field. A hand is visible on the left side of the frame, reaching out towards the baby. The background is a bright, hazy landscape with a green field and a clear sky.

Welcome & Approval of Minutes

DON HINEMAN, CHAIR





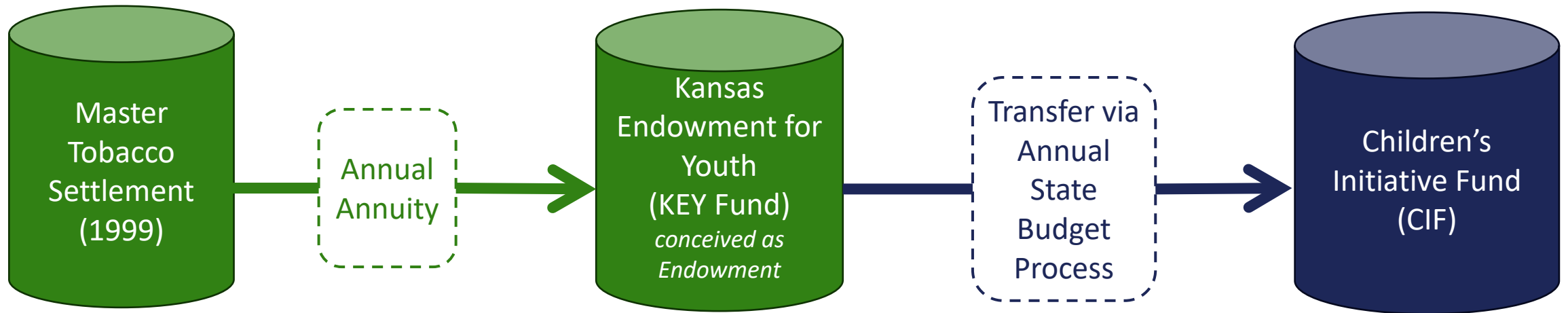
Early Childhood Block Grant Recommendations

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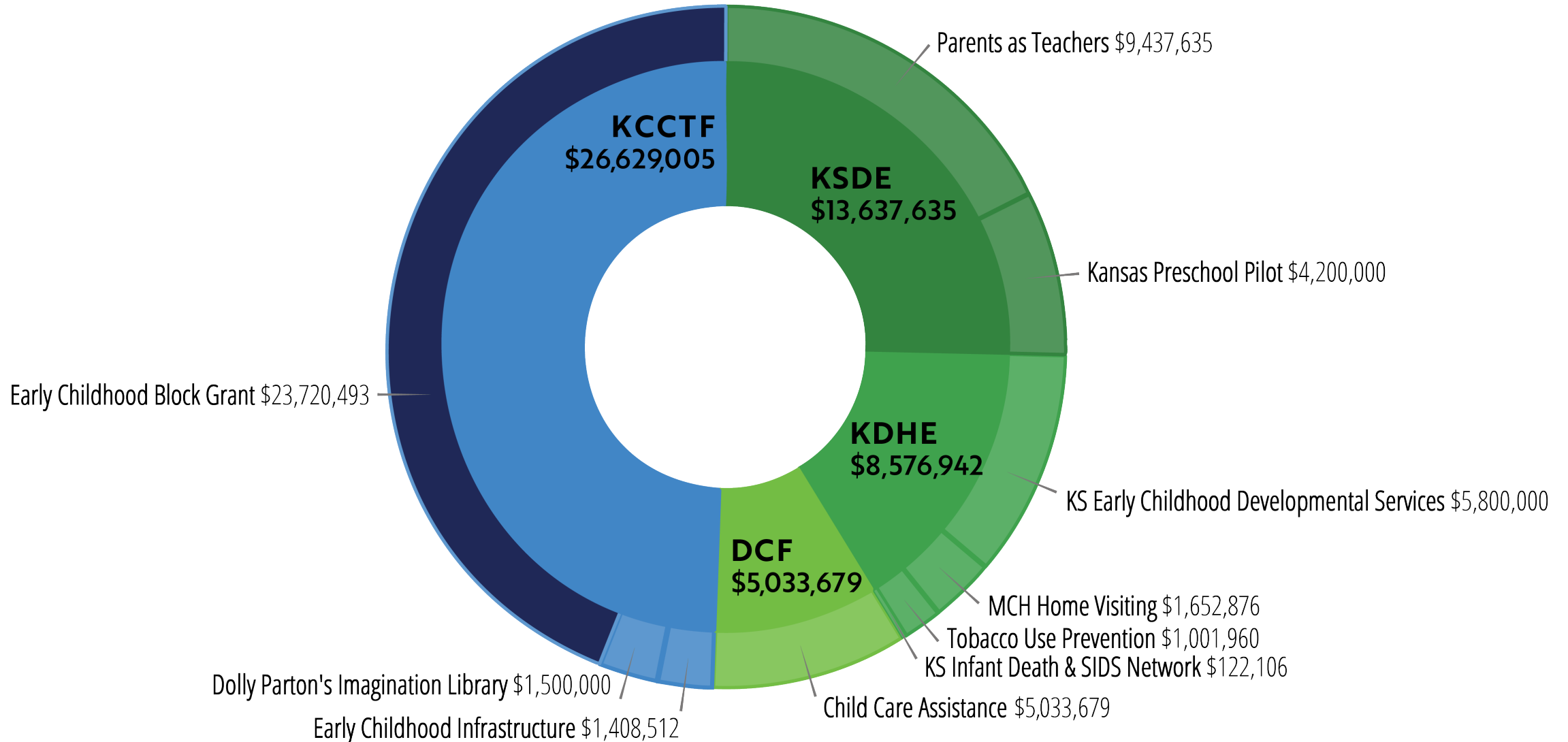


CHILDREN'S INITIATIVE FUND ORIGINS

The 1999 Kansas Legislature created the Kansas Children's Cabinet as a response to Kansas' participation in the Tobacco Master Settlement Agreement.



KCCTF SFY26 PROPOSED CIF BUDGET



EARLY CHILDHOOD BLOCK GRANT OVERVIEW

Early Childhood Block Grant (ECBG) – Community grants to programs supporting children B-5 identified as at-risk and their families.

- Funded by the Children's Initiatives Fund (CIF)
- ECBG Program and Grantees participate in the CIF Accountability Process (established by [KSA 38-2103](#): *The Kansas children's cabinet shall review, assess and evaluate all uses of the moneys in the children's initiatives fund*).

ECBG



IMPORTANCE OF EVALUATION

KSA 38-2103: “The Kansas children's cabinet shall study and shall initiate studies, assessments and evaluations, by contract or otherwise, through institutions of higher education and other appropriate research entities to identify best practices and to measure and otherwise determine the efficiency and efficacy of practices that are utilized in programs, projects, improvements, services and other purposes for which moneys are allocated or appropriated from the children's initiatives fund.”

- KU-CPPR – Accountability process
- WSU – ECBG Grantee Evaluation (Common Measures)

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COMMON MEASURES TOOLS

Common Measure	Description
<i>Ages & Stages Questionnaires®, Third Edition (ASQ-3)</i>	A developmental screening tool for ages 1 month to 6½ years that provides a snapshot of children's development in five areas.
<i>Ages & Stages Questionnaires®: Social-Emotional, Second Edition (ASQ:SE-2)</i>	A life skills screening tool for ages 1 month to 6½ years that provides a snapshot of children's behavior and emotions in seven areas.
<i>Classroom Assessment Scoring System (CLASS)</i>	An assessment of classroom quality for programs serving ages 15 months to 3 years.
<i>Devereux Early Childhood Assessments (DECA)</i>	A behavior rating scale for screening or assessment for ages 4 weeks to 6 years of age.
<i>Individual Growth and Development Indicators (IGDIs)</i>	Measures that monitor growth and development for ages 6 months to 3 ½ years using child-friendly, play-based assessments of communication, movement, social skills, and problem solving.
<i>Keys to Interactive Parenting Scale (KIPS)</i>	An assessment of parenting skills for families with children ages 2 months to 5 years.
<i>myIndividual Growth and Development Indicators (myIGDIs)</i>	Progress monitoring measures designed for children 3 years and up specifically concentrating on early literacy and early numeracy.
<i>Parental Stress Index, 4th Edition Short Form (PSI SF)</i>	A self-report tool for parents of children birth to 12 years old helping providers and families identify different types of stress associated with parenting.
<i>Protective Factors Survey, 2nd Edition (PFS-2)</i>	A pre-post evaluation tool for use with families receiving child maltreatment prevention services.

ECBG PROGRAM GOALS

- Provide direct services to children, and their families, who are at-risk of entering kindergarten socially, emotionally or academically unprepared for success by funding programs that are evidence-based and data-driven.
- Increase access to services in under-served communities.
- Support community collaboration and public-private partnerships.
- Enable alignment with the *All In For Kansas Kids* Strategic Plan and statewide initiatives to improve access to early childhood services.
- Provide supplemental funding to fill gaps not covered by other funding sources.

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ECBG REQUIREMENTS

- A minimum of 50% of children/families served must meet a priority population as outlined in the RFP
- Collaborative Agreement for all partnerships
- 15% match (minimum 5% cash)
- Gap funding - to provide supplemental funding to fill gaps not covered by other federal, state, and local funding sources
- Participation in Program Evaluation
 - Understand, collect and report on the required, applicable Common Measures

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ECBG SFY2026 APPROACH

Competitive Public RFP

April 5, 2024	FY25 ECBG slate approved by KCCTF Board
June 7, 2024	CIF Accountability report to the KCCTF Board & FY26 CIF budget recommendations approved
October 4, 2024	ECBG competitive RFP process approved by KCCTF Board
November 18, 2024	ECBG Application open
January 8, 2025	ECBG Application due
April 4, 2025	KCCTF Board vote on FY26 ECBG funding recommendations

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ECBG SFY2026 TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

- KCCTF Website Resources
 - Grant opportunity overview, FAQ's
- RFP & Application Technical Assistance Webinar, November 22, 2024
- 97 Technical Assistance Requests
 - RFP/Budget Questions (86): 22 hours TA provided
 - CommonApp Application Support (11): 1 hour TA provided

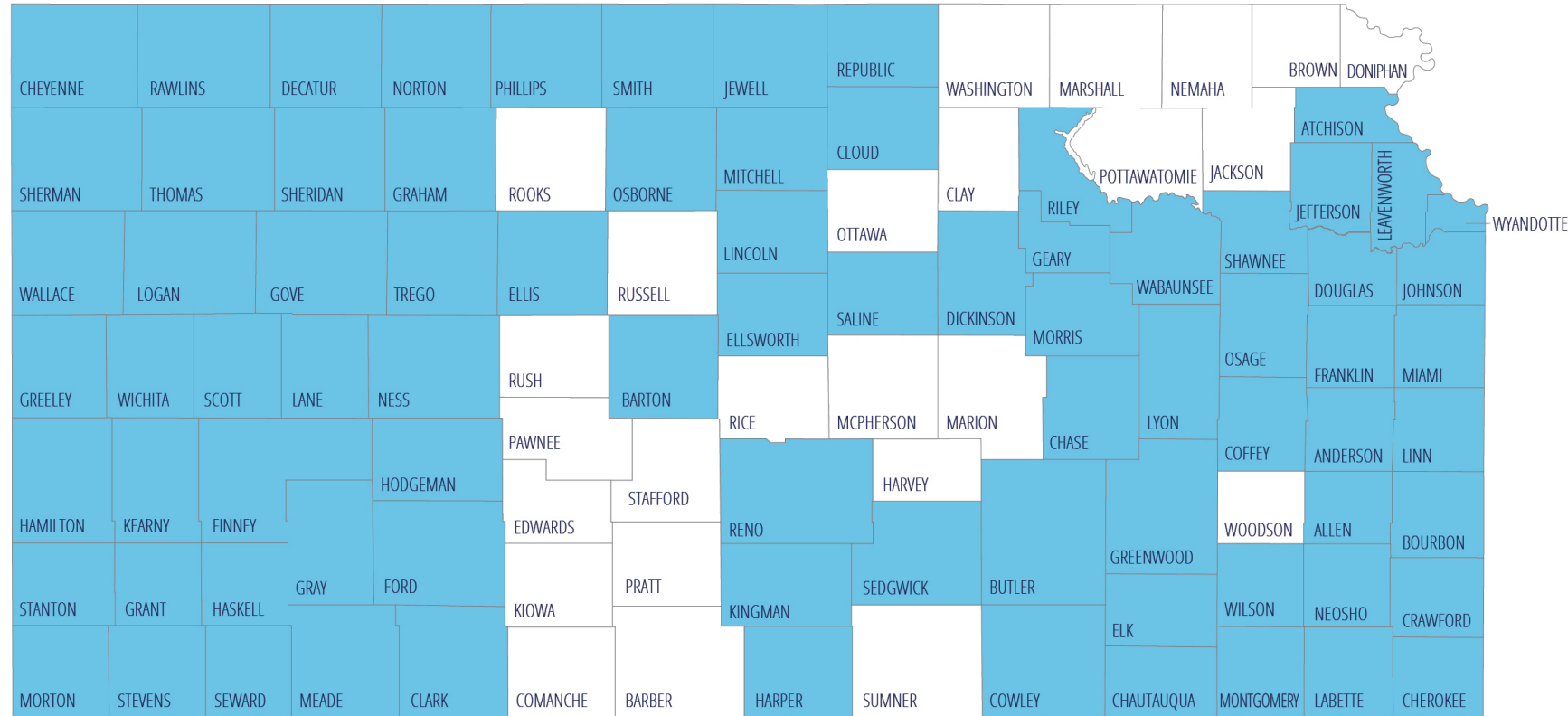
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ECBG SFY26 RECOMMENDATIONS

SFY2026 Recommendation Summary:

- **25 proposed grantees**
(44 applications received)
- **\$23,036,428.37**
proposed funding
(\$41,348,104 requested)
- **80** counties served



ECBG FUNDING RECOMMENDATIONS

ECBG Grantee	SFY 25 Funding	SFY 26 Funding
Child Advocacy and Parenting Services	\$1,034,660	\$1,138,126.00
Early Childhood Collective of Douglas County (formerly Success by Six of Douglas County)	\$1,018,285	\$820,236.66
Family Resource Center, Inc	\$1,861,888	\$2,048,076.80
Four County Mental Health Center, Inc.	\$472,209	\$451,864.00
Growing Futures Early Education Center	\$510,642	\$1,021,284.00
Junction City Family YMCA	\$463,085	\$495,000.00
LiveWell Northwest Kansas – Smart Start	\$496,634	\$516,792.02
Phillipsburg Child Care Center (PCCC)	\$100,911	\$111,002.10
Riley County Health Department – Raising Riley	\$911,757	\$911,757.00
Russell Child Development Center (RCDC)	\$2,569,565	\$2,371,160.14
The Family Conservancy (TFC) – Start Young	\$1,790,383	\$1,761,515.65
TOP Early Learning Centers	\$2,962,684	\$2,962,684.00
Tree House Early Education Foundation	\$200,000	\$220,000.00

ECBG FUNDING RECOMMENDATIONS

ECBG Grantee	SFY 25 Funding	SFY 26 Funding
United Way of Kaw Valley – Capital Area Successful Start (CASS)	\$2,530,492	\$2,526,561.75
United Way of Reno County	\$922,906	\$883,620.93
United Way of the Plains <i>(application combined with KCSL for FY26)</i>	\$1,175,368	\$1,175,368.00
USD 273 Beloit – Mitchell County Partnership for Children (MCPC)	\$414,500	\$426,837.00
USD 293 Quinter	\$151,730	\$166,097.00
USD 298 Lincoln	\$127,396	\$127,396.00
USD 445 Coffeyville	\$790,848	\$743,505.00
USD 450 Shawnee Heights	\$360,504	\$188,268.00
USD 489 Hays	\$380,733	\$243,876.00
USD 500 Kansas City – Project SPARK	\$1,167,047	\$1,258,930.00
*Finney County Childcare & Early Learning Network, Inc. <i>(New Proposed)</i>	N/A	\$141,789.50
*KidZone Learning Center of Wyandotte County, Inc. <i>(New Proposed)</i>	N/A	\$324,680.82
Total Proposed ECBG Funding for SFY2026	\$22,800,000	\$23,036,428.37

SFY26 ECBG FUNDING APPROVAL

- Motion
 - Second
 - Vote
- John Wilson
 - Rep. Kristey Williams
 - Dr. Tara Wallace
 - DiAnne Owen Graham
 - Dr. LeEtta Felter
 - Sen. Renee Erickson
 - Cabinet Chair, Don Hineman

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Agency Updates



EX-OFFICIOS

- **Amanda Petersen**

- Kansas State Department of Education

- **Matthew Billinger & Jennifer King**

- Kansas Department of Corrections, Juvenile Justice Authority

- **Derik Flerlage & Amy Dean Campmire**

- Kansas Department for Health and Environment

- **Justice Melissa Standridge**

- Kansas Supreme Court, Office of Judicial Administration

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Director's Update

MELISSA ROOKER



CBCAP FY2026 TIMELINE REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS (RFP)

- May 14 – June 25, 2025: Competitive Grant Application open on Kansas CommonApp portal
- August 1, 2025: Cabinet votes on proposed slate of applications.
 - Any awards approved by the Cabinet are dependent on US Congressional budget action and KCCTF's Federal award notice, which is normally received the month after this meeting.

Grant Year: October 1, 2025 – September 30, 2026

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2025-2026 PANEL APPLICATIONS

Early Childhood Recommendation Panel 2025-26 membership applications will be accepted from **April 1 - May 2, 2025** on the Children's Cabinet website:

- Any Kansan interested in applying is welcome
- June 6, 2025 – membership recommendations presented to KCCTF Board for approval
- The membership year will extend from July 1, 2025 – June 30, 2026
- Contact Lindsay Orion(lindsayorion@ku.edu) with questions

<https://kschildrenscabinet.org/apply-for-the-early-childhood-recommendations-panel/>

Application



UPCOMING MEETINGS

Cabinet meetings are held the first Friday of every other month from 9:00 am – 12:00 pm.

Next Meeting: June 6

Proposed In-person Meeting & Board Retreat

2025 Meeting Schedule

- June 6
- August 1
- October 3
- December 5

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