



Early Childhood Block Grant (ECBG)

RFP & APPLICATION REVIEW



ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS

- 501 (c)(3) organizations in Kansas
- Kansas county or city governments
- Unified School Districts (USDs) in Kansas

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PARTNERSHIPS

Funded Partners are organizations that will provide the early childhood services being proposed on behalf of the applying organization.

Non-Funded Partners are community organizations and/or providers to whom the applying organization, or the applying organizations funded partners, will be delivering the proposed early childhood services to.

- *e.g., the applying organization, or the applying organizations funded partners, will provide support to home-based or center-based child care centers; the child care centers would be the non-funded partners.*

A Collaborative Agreement (PDF) will need to be completed and signed for each partnership and uploaded to the application.

FUNDING

- Match requirement: 15% of the total ECBG budget
 - In-Kind Match = 10% maximum
 - Cash Match = 5% minimum
- Indirect costs are capped at 8% of total ECBG budget.
- Allowed uses of funds include salaries, equipment, training, and operational costs related to ECBG funded activities.
- Administrative costs for personnel not directly serving children and their families should be limited.

ECBG BUDGET

- Must use provided [template](#)
- Please review the “Instructions” tab of the template before starting
- Be explicit in the justification column.
 - For Salaries & Benefits, please enter the position or employee name in the Short Description column and the activities they will perform in the justification column. Please use a line for each person.
- On the “Budget” tab of the application:
 - The Budget Summary is what will be used in the grant agreement if funding is awarded, so keep it simple, but explicit.
 - Funds by Type will be used as an at-a-glance for reviewers and should match column D of the “Budget Summary” tab of the [Budget Template](#).
 - include the list of funding to be used as Cash or In-Kind Match and if it's confirmed or pending.

GAP FUNDING

- ECBG will provide **supplemental** funding to fill gaps not covered by other funding sources like state foundation aid, special education aid, federal Head Start funds, etc.
- Be explicit in describing the current sources (services) on the “Community Needs” tab of the application.
 - For clarity, you may list the services and gaps by each program being proposed.
 - Financial statements or other supporting documentation showing gaps in funding may also be uploaded on the “Community Needs” tab of the application.

USDs & ECBG FUNDING

- USD PreK programs are eligible for both Kansas Preschool Pilot (KPP) and ECBG, **however**, ECBG funds will only fill gaps not covered by state foundation aid, special education aid, KPP funds, etc.
- Any USD that directly applies for ECBG Funding **or** partners with another eligible applicant to receive ECBG funds as a funded partner will need to complete the [KSDE Preschool Revenue Calculator \(MS Excel\)](#).
 - This will show where the gaps are after state foundation aid, special education aid, and KPP funds, etc. have been applied.

We will work closely with the KSDE Early Childhood team when reviewing applications for KPP & ECBG.

ECBG EVALUATION REQUIREMENTS

- Per [K.S.A 38-2102](#), as a condition precedent to funding, every program must demonstrate:
 - that the program's design is supported by credible research
 - that the program as implemented will constitute best practices in the field
 - that data is available to benchmark the program's desired outcomes
 - the capacity to appropriately implement & administer ECBG programming.

ECBG EVALUATION: COMMON MEASURES

How to know the program type(s) & common measures for programs being proposed:

1. Review the [Program Types \(PDF\)](#) and find the program type(s) that best fits your program.

Program in this application refers to services provided to a specific set of children or families.

2. Review the list of required common measures listed under the program type(s) your program fits within in the [Program Types \(PDF\)](#)
3. Review the [DRAFT SFY2026 Common Measures Guide \(PDF\)](#), which details the training required, cost of measures, frequency of measures, etc.

Be sure to budget for training and cost of measures including the time to administer the measures.

ECBG EVALUATION: COMMON MEASURES

- Common Measures are set by the Evaluation Team at WSU based on the type of program(s) being offered.
- It's important to make sure proposals submitted are for programs where collection of common measures for all families and children served with ECBG funds is feasible.
- Please make sure to report programs under the correct Program Type tab and that you are only reporting programs that will be funded by ECBG.
- Report realistic estimates of children & families.
 - If funded, you will be expected to collect risk factor data and applicable common measures for these numbers.

TARGET POPULATIONS

Children from birth to age 4 (on 8-31-2025), and their families, with priority given to:

- Families in poverty
- Single-parent families
- Teen parents
- Children with developmental delays
- Children in foster care
- Migrant families
- Limited English proficiency
- Homelessness
- Children without Health Insurance
- Parent(s) lacking high school diploma or GED

50% of the population served, must fall into one of the above 10 categories.

- It is a requirement that the information used to calculate the risk of children, and their families, being served with ECBG funds is collected.

IMPORTANT DATES & TIMELINES

- **Deadline for Questions**
 - December 30, 2024
 - Submit via the [Technical Assistance Form](#)
- **Applications Due**
 - January 8, 2025, 5:00 PM CST
- **Application Review Period**
 - January 9 – March 27, 2025
 - Includes scored external reviews
- **Grant Year**
 - July 1, 2025 – June 30, 2026

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