

ARRA Head Start Funds for State Advisory Councils

CT allocation = \$582,974 (for the 3 year grant period)

Application must be submitted by August 1, 2010

Requires a non-Federal share of 70% of the total approved cost (\$ 1,360,273)

Can be met by cash or in-kind contributions

A State that receives funds ...shall use such funds to facilitate the development or enhancement of high-quality systems of ECE and care designed to improve school preparedness through one or more of the following activities—(p. 75 of HS Act)

- promoting school preparedness of children birth through school entry including activities to encourage families and caregivers to engage in highly interactive, developmentally and age-appropriate activities to improve children’s social, emotional, cognitive development, support the transition of young children to school, and foster parental and family involvement in the early education of young children;
- supporting professional development recruitment, and retention initiative for EC educators;
- enhancing ECE and development programs and services (in existence on the date on which the grant involved is awarded), including quality improvement activities authorized under the Child Care and Development Block Grant Act....; and
- carrying out other activities consistent with the State’s plan and application.

Applications must include:

- the statewide strategic report addressing the responsibilities of the SAC;
- a description of how CT will make effective use of the funds to create an ECE and care system by developing or enhancing programs and activities consistent with the strategic report, including the activities under Section 642(b)(2)(A) that will be conducted (pp.70-71 of HS Act);
- a description of the CT’s early learning standards and CT’s goals for increasing the number of children entering kindergarten ready to learn;
- the agency or joint interagency office and individual designated to carry out the activities; and
- a description of how CT plans to sustain activities beyond the grant period.

Content and Format:

- Narrative – limited to 70 pages
- Appendices and resumes – limited to 20 pages
- Project description
 - Objectives and Need for Assistance
 - Approach
 - Staff and Position Data
 - Organizational Profiles
 - Third Party Agreements
 - Budget and Budget Justification
- Certifications, Assurances, Administrative and National Policy Requirements

Reporting Requirements:

- Periodic performance progress and financial reports
 - Program Progress Reports: Semi-annually
 - Interim Narrative Report: 18 months after receipt of grant
 - Financial Reports: Semi-annually
 - Final Program and Financial Reports