

## **Kansas Preschool Pilot grant award message – Governor’s Emergency Education Relief (GEER) grants – sent May 2022**

Hello,

The Kansas State Department of Education is pleased to share that the Kansas State Board of Education has awarded your program a Kansas Preschool Pilot grant for the 2022-2023 school year. This award is made with Governor’s Emergency Education Relief (GEER) funding, which was used to fund additional Kansas Preschool Pilot grant awards that otherwise would not have received funding for the 2022-2023 school year.

[The SY2022-2023 Request for Proposals can be found HERE](#). Your program’s Grant Award Notification for Kansas Preschool Pilot funds is attached to this email.

**Grantees must sign and return the attached assurances to Natalie McClane via email ([nmcclane@ksde.org](mailto:nmcclane@ksde.org)) by June 1, 2022 in order to receive this funding.**

The amount of Kansas Preschool Pilot grant funding requested remains much larger than the amount of funding available. Other sources of funding are larger, more sustainable options for districts to invest in preschool. These include state school finance formula funds (state enrollment aid and accompanying weightings for preschool students with disabilities and four-year-old preschool-aged at-risk students), special education funds and federal Head Start grants. In 2022-2023 \$2,585,540 of Governor’s Emergency Education Relief (GEER) funding will fund additional Kansas Preschool Pilot grant awards that otherwise would not have received funding. KSDE does not anticipate that this one-time source of funding will continue in 2023-2024. **Districts should plan accordingly, recognizing that competitive Kansas Preschool Pilot grant funding levels are not guaranteed for future years.** Districts can visit the [KSDE Early Childhood webpage](#) for additional resources to support districts in understanding preschool funding.

Please keep the following in mind as you prepare for next year:

- The Timelines for KSDE reports, KIDS & MIS Collections for 2022-2023 will be posted to the [KSDE School Finance Online Budget Packet Website](#) at a later date. These timelines will include deadlines for requesting federal funds using the Form 240, the deadline for the Kansas Preschool Pilot – GEER Final Expenditure Report, and the deadline for End-of-Year Performance Reporting using the Foundations for School Success application.
- **Grantees should ensure that all children served by the Kansas Preschool Pilot are marked as “1=Yes” in the appropriate field of the KIDS Collection System.**

- As noted on pages 11-16 of the Request for Proposals, grantees will be required to track and report measures of success. Grantees should be prepared to report this information in the End-of-Year Performance Reporting.
- Federal law requires that to the maximum extent appropriate, children with disabilities must be educated with children who are not disabled. Indicator 6: Preschool Environments is an important data point that measures whether districts are providing special education services in the least restrictive environment. KSDE can support programs seeking to change preschool program structures so that they can improve inclusive practices.
- KSDE provides regular Early Childhood Program Updates via the Early Learning 0-8 listserv. These include important grant updates and professional learning opportunities. We will add primary Kansas Preschool Pilot contacts to the listserv; others can email Beccy Strohm ([bstrohm@ksde.org](mailto:bstrohm@ksde.org)) to join. Visit the [KSDE Early Childhood webpage](#) to view previous updates.

We wish you much success in the upcoming year! Let me know if you have questions, requests for technical assistance or an issue it'd be helpful to think through together.

Thank you,

Natalie

**Kansas Preschool Pilot grant award message – Children’s Initiatives Fund (CIF) /  
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) grants – sent April 2022**

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The Kansas State Department of Education is pleased to share that the Kansas State Board of Education has awarded your program a Kansas Preschool Pilot grant for the 2022-2023 school year.

**[The SY2022-2023 Request for Proposals can be found HERE.](#)** Your program’s Grant Award Notification for Kansas Preschool Pilot funds is attached to this email. In order to meet the requirements of each funding source supporting the Kansas Preschool Pilot, most grant awards consist of both Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) and Children’s Initiatives Fund (CIF) funding.

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Please keep the following in mind as you prepare for next year:

- Grant awards are subject to legislative approval of funding. The total amount available and mechanism for distribution for 2022-2023 Kansas Preschool Pilot funding is dependent upon the final Kansas state budget for the upcoming fiscal year.
- The Timelines for KSDE reports, KIDS & MIS Collections for 2022-2023 will be posted to the [KSDE School Finance Online Budget Packet Website](#) at a later date. These timelines will include deadlines for submitting quarterly requests for reimbursement for TANF funds, the deadline for the Kansas Preschool Pilot –

Children's Initiatives Fund Final Expenditure Report, and the deadline for End-of-Year Performance Reporting using the Foundations for School Success application.

- **Grantees should ensure that all children served by the Kansas Preschool Pilot are marked as "1=Yes" in the appropriate field of the KIDS Collection System.**
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