



## Kansas Preschool Pilot

### 2023-2024 RENEWAL APPLICATION

Where can I find information about the 2023-2024 Kansas Preschool Pilot Grant and Renewal Application?

Information about the Kansas Preschool Pilot Grant can always be found on [KSDE's Preschool Programming Webpage](#). Helpful links include:

- [KSDE Weekly Update-Preschool Funding Resources for 2023-2024 from November 10, 2022](#)
- [2023-2024 Kansas Preschool Pilot \(KPP\) Grant Requirements \(PDF\)](#)
- [2023-2024 Kansas Preschool Revenue Calculator and Budget Template \(Updated January 3, 2023\) \(Excel\)](#)
- [December 14, 2022, Slides from the Overview of 2023-2024 Preschool Funding Resources, Including the Revenue Calculator and Budget Template \(PDF\)](#)
- The [Kansas CommonAPP](#) is where programs complete the 2023-2024 Kansas Preschool Pilot Renewal Application.

**Kansas Preschool Pilot Renewal Applications must be submitted by 5:00 on February 17, 2023.**

Who is eligible to apply for the Kansas Preschool Pilot?

Only programs who were awarded the Kansas Preschool Pilot Grant either through CIF/TANF funding or through GEER funding in 2022-2023 are eligible to submit renewal applications.

KSDE will first review and award grants to 2022-2023 Kansas Preschool Pilot – CIF and TANF grantees who apply for renewal funding. Any remaining funding will then be awarded to 2022-2023 Kansas Preschool Pilot – GEER grantees who apply for renewal funding

How do I access my program's renewal application?

Programs can access the KPP Renewal application by logging into your account in the Kansas CommonApp and selecting "Action Applications" from the menu. You should see KPP FY23 Renewal there.

The [KPP FY23 Renewal Technical Assistance Request Form](#) will get you to the CommonApp Help Desk. They have the ability to walk you through getting into the renewal application if the instructions above aren't working for you.

My program has a different administrator trying to complete the renewal than last year. How do they access the renewal form?

Your program will need to reach out to [Natalie McClane at nmcclane@ksde.org](mailto:nmcclane@ksde.org) to have the administrator changed in the CommonAPP so the new person can access it.

The Renewal Application asks, “How many students we expect to serve”. Does this mean total students or just students on the KPP Roster?

Programs should report the number of students they expect to have on their KPP Roster. This is for estimation purposes only and it’s understandable if this number changes between now and the beginning of the program year.

How will KSDE allocate 2023-2024 Kansas Preschool Pilot grant funding?

KSDE shared the following update in the [KSDEweekly newsletter on Nov. 10, 2022: Preschool Funding Resources for 2023-2024](#):

The amount of Kansas Preschool Pilot grant funding remains limited. To focus time and energy on more sustainable options to invest in preschool, the following will be in place for 2023-2024:

- Only current Kansas Preschool Pilot grantees are eligible to apply for 2023-2024 Kansas Preschool Pilot grants.
- A grantee’s 2023-2024 Kansas Preschool Pilot renewal grant award will not exceed the 2022-2023 grant award.
- Kansas Preschool Pilot renewal grant awards will not exceed the gap between a program’s revenue and expenses. Applicants will use the Preschool Revenue Calculator and Budget Template to estimate the amount of funding they will receive (state enrollment aid and accompanying weightings, special education funds, Head Start funds) and demonstrate how they plan to spend that funding.
- KSDE will first review and award grants to [2022-2023 Kansas Preschool Pilot – CIF and TANF grantees](#) who apply for renewal funding. Any remaining funding will then be awarded to [2022-2023 Kansas Preschool Pilot – GEER grantees](#) who apply for renewal funding. In 2022-2023, \$2,585,540 of Governor’s Emergency Education Relief (GEER) funding provided additional Kansas Preschool Pilot grant awards that otherwise would not have received funding. This one-time source of funding will not continue in 2023-2024.
- Some applicants may be considering the [Early Childhood Block Grant \(ECBG\) administered by the Kansas Children’s Cabinet and Trust Fund](#). Kansas Preschool Pilot grantees funded in 2022-2023 with Children’s Initiatives Fund (CIF) and Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) funding are not eligible to apply for the ECBG. Kansas Preschool Pilot grantees funded in 2022-2023 with GEER funding may apply for either the 2023-2024 Kansas Preschool Pilot or the Early Childhood Block Grant, but not both. Neither grant is guaranteed. Applicants should carefully review the [Early Childhood Block Grant Request for Proposals](#) to understand program requirements.
- Review the [2022-2023 Kansas Preschool Pilot Grant Requirements](#) document posted on the [KSDE Preschool Programming webpage](#) for key dates. Kansas Preschool Pilot renewal grant applications are due by 5 p.m. Friday, Feb. 17, 2023.

## Can I request assistance reviewing my budget?

Yes, KSDE is glad to review and offer feedback. Please email a copy of your budget to Amanda Petersen ([apetersen@ksde.org](mailto:apetersen@ksde.org)) to request assistance.

## My spreadsheet is not working correctly. What is wrong?

KSDE has identified minor errors in previous versions of the spreadsheet. The most up-to-date version is posted on the KSDE Early Childhood webpage, and the Users Guide describes each of those updates under the "Revision History" section.

If something in the spreadsheet is not working for you, please contact Amanda Petersen ([apetersen@ksde.org](mailto:apetersen@ksde.org)).

Some users may see an error "#REF" where autofilled data should be. If that is the case, it means KSDE and the user have slightly different settings for Excel on our computers. You might first try ensuring that the spreadsheet is saved and features are enabled, or opening the spreadsheet on a new device. If those options do not work, you can fill out the data on subsequent tabs and email a copy of the spreadsheet to KSDE. We will be able to share back a screenshot showing the autopopulated information.

## I noticed there was an updated budget template. What changes were made?

You can find the most recent budget template on the [KSDE Preschool Programming Page](#) under the KPP Header.

Issues corrected to date (Jan. 25, 2023):

- For versions released prior to Jan. 25, cell B14 of the Instructions and Summary tab incorrectly lists the total General Fund and Supplemental General Fund revenue, not expenditures. Refer to cell B56 for Total Budgeted Expenditures for this category.
- For versions released prior to Jan. 3, Kansas Preschool Pilot – GEER grants do not autopopulate to the Instructions and Summary tab
- For the version released Dec. 8, Other Direct Costs and Indirect Costs listed on the Budget Template will not populate to the Instructions and Summary tab.

## If you applied for the Early Childhood Block Grant (ECBG) can you apply for the KPP?

No. Kansas Preschool Pilot grantees funded in 2022-2023 with CIF and TANF funding are not eligible to apply for the Early Childhood Block Grant administered by the Kansas Children's Cabinet and Trust Fund. Kansas Preschool Pilot grantees funded in 2022-2023 with GEER funding may apply for either the 2023-2024 Kansas Preschool Pilot OR the Early Childhood Block Grant administered by the Kansas Children's Cabinet and Trust Fund, but not both. Neither grant is guaranteed. Potential ECBG applicants should carefully review the Early Childhood Block Grant Request for Proposals to understand program requirements. *Note: Early Childhood Block Grant applications were due in December 2022.*

We are trying to improve our grant by addressing the areas that we lost points on last year, but the application for this year does not ask for the same information as last year. Where can we share our updated and (hopefully) more complete information?

Because this is a renewal grant, applications will not receive points as they did last year. Programs will only need to share if there are changes in things like curriculum and assessment. If you would like to share additional information about changes in your program from the previous year, you can include that on the question that asks, "Are there any other significant changes to the program since the 2022-2023 School Year?".

How will it be determined which GEER funded programs will be selected if there is money left over from CIF/TANF funds? Is there a specific rubric?

Before we can determine how remaining CIF/TANF funds will be distributed amongst the current GEER programs requesting renewal, we must see how much funding (if any) we will have to work with.

Please confirm that if we don't have changes to our program, then the renewal application really is as simple as it looks. We just need to answer a few questions and add a new budget template. Correct?

Correct. The renewal application was designed to be a quick update of information. Pay careful attention to the budget template to ensure it is correct.

Is it possible for schools to be funded through TANF one year and then be granted GEER funding the next year and if so, how is that determination made?

Some Kansas Preschool Pilot grantees funded through the Children's Initiatives Fund (CIF) and Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) in 2021-2022 were funded through the Governor's Emergency Education Relief (GEER) funds in 2022-2023.

KSDE used a rubric to review and score the 2022-2023 KPP grant applications. Multiple reviewers scored each application. Applicants who scored highest were awarded the KPP grant using CIF and TANF funds. In 2022-2023 \$2,585,540 of Governor's Emergency Education Relief (GEER) funding funded additional Kansas Preschool Pilot grant awards that otherwise would not have received funding. This one-time source of funding will not continue in 2023-2024.

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