**2024 Preschool Development B-5 Grant**

**Illinois Stakeholder Input Form**

**May/June 2024**

Submitted by:

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**INSTRUCTIONS**

**To Submit:** Please complete the following form for any/every project that you are proposing by June 10, 2024 to [awhalen@isbe.net](mailto:awhalen@isbe.net).

**Grant Purpose:** This three-year grant will build on the work that Illinois has done to support a high-quality and accessible early childhood mixed delivery system, including lessons learned through the current [PDG B-5 Planning Grant](https://oecd.illinois.gov/content/dam/soi/en/web/oecd/misc/IL%20PDG%20Planning%20GrantPUBLIC.pdf).

**Goal:** The goal of Illinois’ application will be to support the State to transition to a Simpler, Better, and Fairer System for Families with Young Children.

**Priorities:** While all project proposals will be accepted, we will be paying particular attention to those that support a) families with children with special needs, b) families with multi-lingual learners, c) a strong B-5 workforce, and d) the mental health and well-being of children, families, and the workforce.

**Project Selection:** All projects should align with and/or be compatible with the transition to the Department of Early Childhood plan. See the end of this document for the Guiding Principles around which proposals will be considered.

**Finalizing Project Proposals:** Note, projects will be finalized through an iterative process. We will reach out to those who submit potentially viable projects with a request for more specific information including potential partners, a detailed budget, etc.

**Potential Resources**:

* Notice of Federal Opportunity for the PDG B-5 Renewal Grant can be found at <https://grants.gov/> Opportunity number: HHS-2024-ACF-ECD-TP-0055
* [Illinois’ Current PDG B-5 Planning Grant](https://oecd.illinois.gov/content/dam/soi/en/web/oecd/misc/IL%20PDG%20Planning%20GrantPUBLIC.pdf)
* [Governor’s Early Childhood Funding Commission Recommendations](https://oecd.illinois.gov/governors-early-childhood-funding-commission.html) for a Simpler, Better, and Fairer System
* [Webinar and Powerpoint](https://www.acf.hhs.gov/ecd/early-learning/preschool-development-grants) from ACF’s Presentation on the NOFO
* IM from ACF, HHS - [Mental Health and Well-Being of Children, Families, and the Early Care and Education Workforce](https://www.acf.hhs.gov/ecd/policy-guidance/using-pdg-b-5-promote-mental-health-and-well-being-children-families-and-early)
* ELC’s [Priority Populations](https://oecd.illinois.gov/content/dam/soi/en/web/oecd/documents/priority-populations-updated-2021.pdf) and [Transition Advisory Council’s Draft Equity Framework](https://oecd.illinois.gov/content/dam/soi/en/web/oecd/misc/DRAFT%20TAC%20Equity%20Framework_May.pdf)

**Project Timeline:** We anticipate awards to be made around the end of August 2024 and will have to be completed by August 31, 2027.

Proposed Project (only one proposed project per form; you may submit multiple forms)

*Please be concise with responses.*

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| 1. **Which of the following activity areas are you proposing to address? (**Please check the appropriate box or boxes). |

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| **Activity 1:**  Needs Assessment | **Activity 2:**  Strategic Plan | **Activity 3:**  Maximize Family Participation | **Activity 4:**  B-5 Workforce |
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| **Activity 5:**  Program Quality and Improvement | **Activity 6:**  Subaward for Quality | **Bonus 1:**  Workforce Compensation | **Bonus 2:**  Children’s Social Emotional Well-Being and Mental Health |
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1. **Proposed Project: Title and Description** *Please provide a brief description of the project, including the goal and work to be completed. Describe how this project aligns with the Guiding Principles and state priorities (if applicable)*
2. **Equity:** How does this project address equity of input, process, and outcome?
3. **Target Population:** Please describe the population that this project aims to support. (e.g., families with children with special needs in community settings, bilingual B-5 workforce).
4. **Timeline:** What is the proposed (estimated) timeline for the work? When might the work begin and when might it be completed?
5. **Cost:** Please provide an estimated cost of the project (if possible).
6. **Prior Work:** If applicable, please describe how the project builds upon current continuous improvement/innovative work (at the state or local level).
7. **Implementation**: If known, please list potential partners who might support implementation.
8. **Other Information:** What else would you like the State to consider as it develops its PDG B-5 renewal grant proposal?

**PDG B-5 Renewal Grant Guiding Principles**

GOAL: Simpler, Better, Fairer System for Families with Young Children

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| **Guiding PDG Principle** | **Questions** |
| This proposed project.... |  |
| **Centers equity for families with young children and advances equity, and diversity in providing services.** | * How does the proposal use data to understand unique parent hopes for care and services? * How is the proposal addressing equity in the delivery of services, not just in services? * How does the proposal expand or improve access for those least well served by the current system? * Does this approach bias one particular provider type in the short term or long-run? * How are you centering the voices of parents, workforce and providers in the project proposal? |
| **Aligns with transition to goal for the Department of Early Childhood: A simpler, better, fairer system for families with young children** | * Does this proposal make access to services simpler and fairer for families with young children who the state least well serves today?   + For example, the state has the hardest time serving families with young children with special needs and multi-lingual families with young children? * Does the proposal address the necessary conditions to support a simpler, better, fairer system – like a strong workforce pipeline? |
| **Builds upon current continuous improvement/innovative work when possible** | * How does this project build upon previous successful projects (or lessons learned) during the planning period or work informed by work done during the planning period |
| **Includes a focus on underserved populations (income, home language, rural, etc.) and/or Illinois Priority Populations and/or populations identified in the draft TAC equity framework** | * How does the proposal expand or improve access for those least well served by the current system? * How does the data/information support a greater understanding of the current context of the challenge and does this proposal address these challenges? |
| **Are individual projects reasonable to complete, considering time it takes to execute contracts, hire staff or contractors, etc.** | * Can deliverables in the proposal be attained within 3 years? * If not, does it make substantial progress? |
| **Fewer larger projects** | * What portfolio of projects will have the most impact, are collectively achievable, are manageable, and have the most potential to be successful? |