

SECTION 1: Eligibility (Screening)

All organizations must meet the eligibility criteria as established in the RFA. To be eligible for award, applicants must meet all requirements in 2.1.1 through 2.1.3. Please respond to the following questions. Your response to these questions will determine if the organization is eligible to apply for the Early Childhood Equity Fund grant opportunity.

1.1 Do you represent a culturally specific organization or operate a culturally specific early learning program? (Yes or No)

1.2 Does the organization provide outreach, support and resources to children and families who experience systemic disparities because of two or more of the following factors? Check all that apply:

- a. Race
- b. Ethnicity
- c. English language proficiency
- d. Socioeconomic status
- e. Geographic location (urban, rural, neighborhoods)

1.3 Do people in leadership positions in the organization (e.g., directors, managers and board members) belong to the cultural community (ies) served? (Yes or No)

To be eligible for award, applicants must meet all requirements in 1.1 through 1.3.

SECTION 2: General Information (Not Scored)

2.1 Please provide the following information about the Applicant organization. This section must be complete for the application submission to be successful.

Legal name of Applicant organization:

DBA "Doing business as" name (if different from legal name):_

Federal ID# or Tax ID #:

Address of Applicant agency:_

Street address:_

City:_

State:_

Zip code:_

County:_

2.2 Applicant Contact Information

Please provide the contact information for the following individuals in the organization.

Primary contact person for this application:

Name:

Title:

Email:

Phone Number:

Authorized budget contact person for issues and questions about the budget:

Name:

Title:

Email:

Phone Number:

Authorized individual to sign grant agreement. Indicate the address where the grant agreement should be sent:

Name:

Title:

Email:

Phone Number:

Mailing Address:

SECTION 3: Culturally Specific Criteria (Section Maximum Score = 40)

ECEF funds Culturally Specific Organizations (CSO) and Culturally Specific Early Learning Programs (CSLEP) that focus on closing opportunity gaps for children and families who face historical and current inequities due to factors such as race, income, zip code, or language. ECEF grantees are committed to providing early learning services rooted in culture, home language, and lived experience.

3.1 Please explain how your organization aligns with the ECEF description of culturally specific organizations and/or programming. (20 points)

- Describe the community in which the organization operates.
- Please describe how the people in leadership positions in the organization reflect the culture of community(ies) served

3.2 Describe the current services offered by the organization. (20 points)

- What activities or services are currently being provided that support early literacy development?
- Describe the populations prioritized and served through the current activities or services.

SECTION 4: Program Proposal Description (Maximum Score= 40)

4.1 What activity(ies) are you requesting funding for? Please select all that apply:

- Develop and/or deliver early literacy-focused resources and materials for distribution. (Existing grantees only)
- Develop and/or deliver culturally relevant early literacy training and professional development activities for both early childhood and early grade educators.
- Community engagement activities to identify community-specific gaps in early literacy activities to further inform the DELC 2024 Birth Through Five Literacy plan.

In up to 250 words, please describe the activity(ies) you are requesting funding for:

Please describe how your organization will use Birth Through Five Literacy funds to support the development of early literacy skills through implementation of the allowable activities. How will you ensure that your literacy support is culturally responsive and centered on the needs of students and families? (up to 250 words)

SECTION 5: Budget (Maximum Score= 20)

Please complete Budget and Budget Narrative found in Attachment D.