



Preschool Promise

Oregon Department of
Early Learning and Care

2024-2025 REQUEST FOR APPLICATION (RFA): SOUTH-CENTRAL REGION

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Questions?

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Important Dates

Questions/ requests for clarification due	12/19/2024	5:00 PM PST
Answers to questions/ requests for clarification issued (approximate)	12/23/2024	



What is Preschool Promise?

Preschool Promise is a statewide high-quality, publicly-funded preschool program that serves families living at or below 200 percent of the federal poverty level and children in foster care.

Preschool Promise is delivered in a variety of settings including centers, homes, and schools.

Preschool Promise is a Slot-based program, meaning Preschool Promise Grantees are awarded a certain number of Slots, and eligible children fill these Slots through collaboration with their local Early Learning Hubs.





Overview

- ❑ DELC is seeking applications from interested entities to reallocate 18 PSP slots across the South-Central Early Learning Hub (ELH) regions.

- ❑ Eligible applicants will also have the opportunity to be placed on the **Preschool Promise Applicant Waitlist Pool** for this regional Early Learning Hub.
 - This waitlist will allow eligible applicants to be selected to receive a Preschool Promise award if more service slots become available during the 2024-25 Program year.

Note: If you are applying for multiple sites, you must submit an RFA application for each site.

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WAITLIST POOL FOR SOUTH-CENTRAL EARLY LEARNING
HUB**

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#58800-00011970

Date of Issue: Friday, November 15th, 2024

Closing Date and Time: Tuesday, December 31st, 2024, at 5:00 PM PST

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RFA Documents

RFA #S-58800-00011970- Preschool Promise Reallocation and Applicant Waitlist Pool for South- Central Early Learning Hub

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- ❑ PSP RFA Document – In here you will find all the information pertaining to the solicitation such as eligibility, requirements, application questions, evaluation criteria, scoring rubric and selection process.

- ❑ RFA Attachments
 - Sample Grant Agreement (Attachment A)
 - Sample Amendment (Attachment B)
 - Hub Priorities for Slot Distribution (Attachment C)
 - PSP Playbook (Attachment D)

[Department of Early Learning and Care : Application for Preschool Promise RFA and Waitlist Pool for South Central](#)



Schedule of Events

Event	Date	Time
Pre-Application conference: Program Information (English)	Monday, November 25	10:00 AM PST
Pre-Application conference: Program Information (Spanish)	Monday, November 25	11:00 AM PST
Pre-Application conference: Application Information (English)	Tuesday, November 26	1:00 PM PST
Pre-Application conference: Application Information (Spanish)	Tuesday, November 26	2:00 PM PST
Questions/ requests for clarification due	Thursday, December 19	5:00 PM PST
Answers to questions/ requests for clarification issued (approximate)	Monday, December 23	
Closing (Applications due)	Tuesday, December 31,	5:00 PM PST
Issuance of intent to award (approximate)	Wednesday, January 15, 2025	
Award protest period ends	7 calendar days after notice of intent to award	



Eligibility

The following types of entities are eligible to operate Preschool Promise programs:

- Certified Child Care Centers;
- Certified Family Child Care providers;
- Child Care Resource and Referral Agencies;
- Community-Based Organizations;
- Culturally specific organizations;
- Early Learning Hubs as designated under ORS 417.827;
- Education service districts;
- Federal Head Start programs;
- Oregon Pre-kindergarten grantees;
- Private preschools;
- Public charter schools;
- Public schools;
- Relief Nurseries as defined in ORS 417.786; and
- Other Child Care Providers as defined in OAR 414-470-0005.



Eligibility

An Applicant is **NOT** eligible to provide Preschool Promise services pursuant to this RFA if Applicant has previously been awarded a Preschool Promise Grant and, in the **two years** before submitting an Application in response to this RFA:

- Agency reduced Applicant's Slot allocation,
- notified Applicant that Applicant was not eligible for continuation of a Preschool Promise Grant or
- terminated Applicant's Preschool Promise Grant.

An Applicant may not provide Preschool Promise services at any Site where, in the two years before submitting an Application in response to this RFA, Agency's Child Care Licensing Division (CCLD) found that Applicant committed **more than two serious violations as defined by rule, or at any Site where OCC imposed a civil penalty on the Applicant for conduct related to that Site.**

Applicant's Sites must have sufficient physical space to provide Preschool Promise services. If license exempt, minimum requirements are as follows:

- Indoor, open and accessible space: 35 square feet per preschooler
- Outdoor, open and accessible space: 75 square feet per preschooler



Grant Amount & Duration

Duration: For the 2024-25 program year, the grant begins January 1, 2025 and ends June 30, 2025.*

Amount:

- ❑ Base amount: \$15,650 per Slot per year
- ❑ Transportation enhancement: \$1,100 per Slot per year.
- ❑ One-time Start-up Funds:
 - \$2,000 per Slot awarded pursuant to this RFA

*Funding award amount will be prorated for successful applicants with a performance period of January 1, 2025 – June 30, 2025. Successful applicants must begin services no later than March 1, 2025, and provide no less than 400 hours of direct service as outlined in section 2.5.1 of this RFA.

PSP Applicant Waitlist Pool: If Successful applicants are awarded a spot on the Preschool Promise Applicant Waitlist Pool, then they will be deemed eligible for Preschool Promise Slots in the event that any such **Slots become available before June 30, 2025**. These successful applicants will remain in the Preschool **Promise Applicant Waitlist Pool through June 30, 2025**. At the discretion of the Agency successful candidates may ask whether they wish to remain on the Preschool Promise Applicant Waitlist Pool for the 2025-2027 biennium.

Program Requirements

Preschool Promise Grantees will be expected to fulfill the Preschool Promise requirements mandated in ORS 329.172 and the administrative rules in Division 470 of Chapter 414 (OAR 414-470).

Begin operation of Preschool Promise Program site(s) each program year no later than March 1, and end the program year no later than June 30.

Grantees must offer the Preschool Promise Program as follows:

- For a minimum of 400 direct service hours,
- direct service hours of no less than 6 hours per day,
- no less than 4 days per week,
- direct service hours must be between the hours of 7:00 am – 5:00 pm
- Program closures should not exceed 21 consecutive calendar days; anything beyond that will need prior Agency approval

Please refer to the PSP Playbook (Attachment D of the RFA) for a full description of the PSP quality requirements and what they look like in practice. The PSP Playbook will be going through an update. Please check back for the updated version on our [PSP website](#).



PSP Applicant Waitlist Pool

Overview

- ❑ Successfully completed and submitted the RFA application by the established due date.
- ❑ Indicated on the RFA their interest in participating in the Preschool Applicant Waitlist Pool
- ❑ If Slots become available in the respective ELH region, and the waitlist participant is selected and offered Slots by Agency, the Applicant will have 15 calendar days to accept offer of Slots. If accepted, the Applicant must be ready to begin services within 60 calendar days from the date Applicant was notified
- ❑ Secure Preschool Promise insurance requirements in accordance with the Agreement before the execution of the grant with Agency.
- ❑ Site location, delivery of service, and setting type must be in alignment with the needs of the local community as described by the local Early Learning Hub at the time of the reallocation.

Refer to section 2.4.2 for more information.



Quality Evaluation

Quality Evaluation Thresholds:

- Structural Components of the Preschool Promise Program – 42 out of 60 total points
- Financial Controls and Sustainability – 28 out of 40 total points

Only applicants that meet thresholds listed above will be eligible to advance in the selection process and be eligible to be added to the PSP Applicant Waitlist Pool

Examples

- **Applicant 1** scores 35 in Structure Components of PSP and 40 points in Financial Controls and Sustainability – **Not Eligible to Advance**
- **Applicant 2** scores 50 in Structure Components of PSP and 35 points in Financial Controls and Sustainability – **Eligible to Advance**
- **Applicant 3** – Scores 55 points in Structure Components of PSP and 20 in Financial Controls and Sustainability – **Not Eligible to Advance**



Community Needs Score

Overview

- ❑ One point will be awarded for each Site that lies within the specific geographic location described in Attachment C. The Site must be physically located within that zip code described in Attachment C.
- ❑ One point will be awarded for each Site that meets the setting type described in Attachment C. Agency will assign a provider setting to any Site for which a corresponding provider type is not identified in Attachment C.
- ❑ One point will be awarded for each Site that provides instruction the primary language of instruction identified in Attachment C.

Applicants who score lower than 3 can still be added to the Preschool Promise Applicant Waitlist Pool for future consideration.

Important: Please refer to Attachment C to view your local Hub's priority.



Hub Priorities for Slot Distribution

Accepting applications from new and existing Preschool Promise Grantees in Douglas, Klamath and Lake Counties.

EL HUB Name: South-Central Early Learning Hub
Counties Served: Douglas, Klamath, and Lake
Number of Slots Available for Reallocation: 18

Overview: Applicants will receive a Community Needs Score, which will be based on the preferred characteristics in this Hub region such as Zip code, Setting Type, and Language of Instruction. Only the applicants who meet all of these characteristics will be eligible for a slot award. To understand how the Community Needs Score is calculated, please refer to **section 4 of the RFA for Evaluation.**

The slots available for reallocation in this Hub region will be awarded in priority zip code order listed below until all slots are assigned. Applicants who do not meet the outlined characteristics will not be eligible for a slot award. However, if they are found eligible, they can be added to the **PSP Applicant Waitlist Pool for future slot award consideration.**

Priority Zip Code Order	Zip Code	# of PSP Slots for Reallocation	Setting type(s)	Primary language of instruction
1	97470/97471	18	Home Based Center Based School Based	English
2	97429	18	Home Based Center Based School Based	English
3	97417	18	Home Based Center Based School Based	English
4	97469	18	Home Based Center Based School Based	English

Community Needs Score Examples



Examples based on the attachment shown on this slide.

- **Site 1** Site located in 97470, Center-based provider, English only = **Score 3 – Eligible for Award**
- **Site 2** Site located in 97429, Center-based provider, Spanish = **Score 2 – Not Eligible for Award**

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Application Link

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