



Prekindergarten Building Capacity

Grant Program FAQ

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Question	If we are a level four, do we need a work plan still?
Answer	Yes, you will describe how you will maintain Level 4.

Question	It was mentioned that applicants can request an advance of 15% with the application. When and how will the funds be dispersed without the advance?
Answer	The grant is reimbursable. Most programs invoice monthly. Some invoice quarterly. It would depend on your internal accounting structure.

Question	Can you apply for this grant for one classroom in your program if you already have a PreK expansion grant in another classroom?
Answer	Yes, this grant opportunity is available to all programs meeting the grant requirements, including those with existing Pre-K Expansion or Maryland State Pre-K grant awards seeking additional classrooms.

Question	Is there a possibility of an extension when grant year ends on June 30, 2024?
Answer	The standard process for requesting any budgetary or programmatic amendment applies. Amendments must be submitted no later than 45 days before the end of the grant period and will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis.

Question	If eligible children are recruited in early September but a teacher isn't hired until mid-September, will reimbursement only start once the teacher is hired?
Answer	Eligible expenses will be reimbursed according to the invoice submission

Question	Can the Director who has a BA also be the classroom teacher?
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Answer	Yes, if they are the fulltime (6.5 hours a day) teacher in the classroom and not serving in other capacities during instructional time.
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Question	What if you would like to have 20 children but at the time of the grant you only have 13 children enrolled in the required age group?
Answer	Awardees have until December to meet 85% of the funded enrollment. If less than 85% enrollment is reached at that time, grant funds may be reduced based on the number of children enrolled at that time.

Question	Students that are attending PreK half-day in the public school, would they be considered enrolled under the program in the center or only in the school?
Answer	This grant is for programs who are providing a full-day (6.5 hours) program, so students who are not enrolled in a full-day program are not considered enrolled for the purposes of this grant.

Question	Is a teacher certification requirement for the lead teacher for this grant?
Answer	No, Lead teachers are required to have a minimum of a bachelor's degree to meet the requirements of this grant.

Question	Can we stretch salaries through August for this grant?
Answer	The grant period ends on June 30, 2024, and all funds should be encumbered before the end of the grant period.

Question	Is there a specific curriculum to be used?
Answer	MSDE does not require a specific curriculum. However, curriculum used must be evidence-based and aligned to Maryland early learning standards.

This page will be updated with frequently asked questions and answers on a continual basis.