

# NOTICE OF FUNDING OPPORTUNITY

## INTRODUCTION

Early Learning Hub of Clackamas County (ELHCC) through Clackamas County Children, Family & Community Connections Division is seeking Grant Applications from multiple agencies/organizations that are capable of delivering **KINDERGARTEN PARTNERSHIP INNOVATION (KPI)** programming and services. Up to \$250,000 is available for this opportunity and it is the intent of ELHCC to offer multiple awards for services beginning **October 1, 2019 and ending September 30, 2020**.

## GOAL

The goal of KPI programming is to promote community and school partnerships and innovations that result in measurable **increases in readiness for kindergarten for children ages 0-6**. This funding opportunity will assist K-12 school districts, education service district, nonprofit organizations, post-secondary institutions, or a collaboration thereof to implement innovative approaches to increase the connection between early learning environments and K-12 education. Successful applications will demonstrate an intentional focus on implementing key elements of effective early learning and K-12 partnerships, including but not limited to: increasing family engagement in children's learning and development; setting meaningful targets for kindergarten readiness; increasing child/family preparedness for Pre-K to K transitions, increasing child/family access to high quality Pre-K experiences and using data to measure progress.

Grant applications should maintain a clear focus on equity and address factors that contribute to achievement gaps that exist between students who are economically disadvantaged, students learning English as a second language, and students who are African American, Hispanic, Native American and/or other historically underserved populations. Grant applications should also identify strategies for reaching children with specific risk factors as defined by Oregon Administrative Rule 414-800-0105, and/or children who are not currently enrolled in formal Pre-K or child care programs, including those participating in license exempt and relative care.

## PROJECTED AWARD AND FUNDING CYCLE

- Grant applications are due by 5:00 P.M. June 3, 2019.
- Estimated notification of award – June 30, 2019.
- Estimated Agreement start date – October 1, 2019.
- Agreement end date is September 30, 2020, unless otherwise amended to extend funding and services.

## FUNDING RESTRICTIONS

- Funding to individuals is not allowed.
- Operating expenses must be clearly outlined for each proposed project.
- This Notice of Funding Opportunity is open to all qualified agencies/organizations serving Clackamas County residents.

## TO APPLY

Agencies interested in applying should complete information requested in Sections 1 – 3.

**Completed grant applications are to be sent electronically to:  
Stephanie Radford at [SRadford@clackamas.us](mailto:SRadford@clackamas.us)**

Questions should be directed to Stephanie Radford at 503-650-5695 or [SRadford@clackamas.us](mailto:SRadford@clackamas.us)



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