



**Chicago Early Learning Grant Update
Citywide Parent Policy Council (CPPC)
Wednesday, August 26, 2020**

I. ACTION ITEMS: FY 2021 Head Start/Early Head Start, Early Head Start-Child Care Partnership, and Early Head Start Expansion Continuation Applications

A. Summary of Funding Letters

On June 27, 2020, the Administration for Children and Families (ACF), Office of Head Start (OHS) issued the City of Chicago a funding letter for non-competitive continuation funding for the Head Start (HS) and Early Head Start (EHS) grant (# 05CH8460) for Fiscal Year 2021 (FY 21) for the 11/30/2020 – 6/30/2021 budget period. DFSS received the FY 21 funding letter for the Early Head Start-Child Care Partnership (EHS-CCP) grant (# 05HP0001) on July 15, 2020 for the 12/1/2020 – 6/30/2021 budget period. The projected budget periods for both grants are shortened due to the grants’ competitive statuses. While the stated funding period is for 7 months, the funding letter provides instructions to develop a 12-month budget based on the annual funding amounts. **PLEASE NOTE:** Both the HS/EHS and EHS-CCP grant applications were granted 14-day extensions for online submission due technical issues with these grants in the Head Start Enterprise System (HSES), OHS’ online repository for all continuation and supplemental funding applications. See extension approval letters attached.

On June 27, 2020, DFSS received the FY 21 Early Head Start Expansion grant (# 05HP000150) funding letter for the 12/1/2020 – 11/30/2021 budget period. This grant maintains non-competitive status. It is to be submitted via HSES by September 1, 2020. A summary of each of the funding letters follows:

TABLE 1. FY 21 ACF FUNDING LETTERS					
Grant Program	Funding Period	Enrollment	Program Ops	T & TA	TOTAL
Head Start	12/1/20-6/30/21*	9,274	\$109,733,344	\$1,379,134	\$111,112,478
Early Head Start	12/1/20-6/30/21*	2,162	\$33,567,910	\$449,421	\$34,017,331
TOTAL:					\$145,129,809
EHS-CCP	12/1/20-6/30/21*	1,100	\$16,292,354	\$363,011	\$16,655,365
EHS Expansion	12/1/20-11/30/21	200	\$3,603,214	\$86,522	\$3,689,736

B. Summary of FY 2021 HS/EHS Grant Application (05CH8460)

The FY 2021 HS/EHS continuation application will be submitted by September 15, 2020. The application provides brief progress updates on goals and objectives, provides updates on changes to the program, and proposes annual costs for the upcoming fiscal year. It also includes:

- FY 2021 Program Schedule (summary provided in Table 2 below)

Table 2. FY 21 HS & EHS PROGRAM SCHEDULE SUMMARY					
	Center-Based Full Day (7.5 hrs/day, 5 days/wk)	Family Child Care Home (7.5 hrs/day, 5 days/wk)	Home-Based 1.5-hr visits/month, 2 socializations/month	Pregnant Women	TOTAL
Head Start	7,015	109	280	N/A	7,404
Early Head Start	1,326	36	761	39	2,162
TOTAL					9,566

- FY 2021 HS & EHS budget, including delegate agency contractual costs calculated at the cost-per-child reimbursement rates in Table 3 below (see also SF424A)

TABLE 3. FY 21 HS & EHS COST-PER-CHILD REIMBURSEMENT RATES TO DELEGATE AGENCIES		
	Center-Based Rate	Home-Based Rate
Head Start	\$11,446	\$9,446
Early Head Start	\$14,179	\$9,546

- FY 2021 HS & EHS grantee budget narrative
- 43 HS & 34 EHS Delegate Agency Grant Applications that replicate the above grantee application (see list of delegate agencies, slots, and allocations attached)

C. Summary of FY 2021 EHS-CCP Grant Application

The FY 2021 EHS-CCP continuation application will be submitted by September 15, 2020. The application provides brief progress updates on goals and objectives, provides updates on changes to the program, and proposes annual costs for the upcoming fiscal year. It also includes:

- FY 2021 Program Schedule (summary provided in Table 4)

Table 4. FY 21 EHS-CCP PROGRAM SCHEDULE SUMMARY		
Center-Based/Full-Day 10 hrs/day, 5 days/wk	Family Child Care Home 10 hrs/day, 5 days/wk	TOTAL
977	123	1,100

- FY 2021 EHS-CCP budget, including delegate agency contractual costs calculated at the cost-per-child reimbursement rates in Table 5 (see also SF424A)

TABLE 5. FY 21 EHS-CCP COST-PER-CHILD REIMBURSEMENT RATE TO DELEGATE AGENCIES	
	Center-Based Rate
Early Head Start	\$11,798

- FY 2021 EHS-CCP budget narrative
- 24 EHS-CCP Delegate Agency Grant Applications that replicate the above grantee application (see list of delegate agencies, slots, and allocations attached)

D. Summary of FY 2021 EHS Expansion Grant Application

The FY 2021 EHS Expansion continuation application will be submitted by September 1, 2020. The application provides brief progress updates on goals and objectives, provides updates on changes to the program, and proposes annual costs for the upcoming fiscal year. It also includes:

- FY 2021 Program Schedule (summary provided in Table 6 below)

Table 6. FY 21 EHS Expansion Program Schedule Summary			
Program	Center-Based/Full-Day 7.5 hrs/day, 5 days/wk	Home-Based 1.5-hr visits/month, 2 socializations/month	TOTAL
Early Head Start	140	60	200

- FY 2021 EHS budget (see SF424A attached for budget detail), including delegate agency contractual costs calculated at the cost-per-child reimbursement rates in Table 7 below

TABLE 7. FY 21 COST-PER-CHILD REIMBURSEMENT RATES TO DELEGATE AGENCIES		
	Center-Based	Home-Based
EHS Expansion Rate	\$14,554	\$11,790

- FY 2021 EHS Expansion budget narrative
- Five EHS Delegate Agency Grant Applications that replicate the above grantee application (see list of delegate agencies, slots, and allocations attached)

In addition, all three grant applications include the following key components:

- Progress updates on 5-year Program Goals (see attached)
- FY 2021 School Readiness Goals (see attached)
- FY 2021 Training & Technical Assistance Plan – details on trainings to be provided in FY 2021
- 2020 Self-Assessment & Action Plan
- Brief Narrative, including updates on the following changes to the program in the past year:
 - Brief description of progress toward Program Goals, Objectives, Outcomes, & Expected Challenges
 - Program Options & Funded Enrollment Slots
 - Centers & Facilities – Changes to facilities over the past year (additions or deletions of sites)

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II. City of Chicago Head Start and Early Head Start Competitive Applications

On July 17, 2020, two competitive OHS funding opportunities were forecasted on the Federal Register, www.grants.gov. These funding opportunities were made available to all eligible applicants in Chicago, IL as a result of current Head Start, Early Head Start, and Early Head Start-Child Care Partnership grants operated by current grantees in Chicago, including DFSS being designated for competitive renewal. Included in these forecasts are the following current DFSS grants:

- Head Start & Early Head Start (HS & EHS): \$145,129,809
- Early Head Start-Child Care Partnership (EHS-CCP): \$16,655,365

DFSS will competitive apply for these funding sources to continue operation of the City of Chicago’s HS & EHS and EHS-CCP programs. Both funding opportunities are forecasted to officially post to grants.gov on September 7, 2020, with applications due on November 6, 2020. Additional information includes:

Head Start and Early Head Start funding opportunities:

Illinois		
Funding Opportunity Number		
HHS-2021-ACF-OHS-CH-R05-1866		
Opportunity Title		
Head Start/Early Head Start Grantee -- Communities in the state of Illinois		
Service Areas	Estimated Funding	Estimated # of Awards
Henry, Mercer and Rock Island Counties, Illinois	\$3,199,922.00	2
St. Clair County, Illinois	\$12,469,664.00	3
The City of Chicago, Illinois	\$160,955,734.00	24

Early Head Start-Child Care Partnership funding opportunities:

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NOTE: This is a Forecasted Opportunity. Print Forecast Details ?

General Information

Document Type: Grants Notice	Version: Forecast 2
Opportunity Number: HHS-2021-ACF-OHS-HP-R05-1900	Forecasted Date: Jul 17, 2020
Opportunity Title: Early Head Start Expansion and Early Head Start-Child Care Partnership Grants - City of Chicago, Illinois	Last Updated Date: Jul 17, 2020
Opportunity Category: Discretionary	Estimated Post Date: Sep 07, 2020
Opportunity Category Explanation:	Estimated Application Due Date: Nov 06, 2020 Electronically submitted applications must be submitted no later than 11:59 p.m., ET, on the listed application due date.
Funding Instrument Type: Grant	Estimated Award Date: Jun 30, 2021
Category of Funding Activity: Income Security and Social Services	Estimated Project Start Date: Jul 01, 2021
Category Explanation:	Fiscal Year: 2021
Expected Number of Awards: 4	Archive Date:
CFDA Number(s): 93.600 – Head Start	Estimated Total Program Funding: \$16,655,365
Cost Sharing or Matching Requirement: Yes	Award Ceiling: \$16,655,365
	Award Floor: \$500,000

III. Notices of Award: One-Time COVID-19 Supplemental Funding for Head Start/Early Head Start, Early Head Start-Child Care Partnership, and Early Head Start Expansion Grants

To date, DFSS has received the official Notices of Award (NOA) for the HS & EHS, EHS-CCP, and EHS Expansion grants for the One-Time Supplemental COVID-19 funds to aid in the programs’ response to the pandemic while continuing to serve children and families and ensure their health and safety. These funds resulted from the passing of the CARES Act and are retroactive to January 20, 2020 and are available through November 30, 2020. Each grant’s amendment NOA is attached and a summary of the awards is below:

One-Time Supplemental COVID-19 Grants	Slots	Cost-Per-Slot	Award Amount
Head Start	7,404	\$948	\$7,018,992
Early Head Start	2,162	\$724	\$1,565,288
Early Head Start - Child Care Partnership	1,100	\$726	\$798,600
Early Head Start Expansion	200	\$745	\$149,000
Direct to Delegate Agencies			\$9,531,880
Grantee COVID-19 Related Expenses			\$1,660,614

A significant portion of the funds will be routed directly to community-based delegate agencies. DFSS will expedite the amending of current delegate agency contracts so they can receive these supplemental funds as soon as possible.