Becoming High-Quality Grant
2019-2020

Request for Grant Applications (RFGA) has been posted:
https://jobs.utah.gov/department/highindex.html

The Becoming High-Quality Grant Program enables eligible providers of early education programs to develop the necessary studies and processes to implement the components of a high-quality preschool program. The goals of the program are to increase high-quality early education capacity in the state and collect student outcome data.

Funding Source: State of Utah General Funds

Deadline: Application Deadline: May 28, 2019, 5:00 PM MDT. Proposals must be received no later than 5:00 PM. Proposals received after 5:00 PM will not be accepted. Proposals may not be faxed.
Program Start Date: July 1, 2019
Program End Date: June 30, 2020

Purpose: The Becoming High-Quality Grant Program provides resources to existing early education programs administered by Local Education Agencies (LEA), charter schools, private child care providers and home-based educational technology programs to develop high-quality early education programs that support a child’s development of cognitive, physical, language, social, and emotional skills. High-quality preschool programs have been shown to be effective in preparing young children for kindergarten and entry into elementary school.

Pre-Proposal Meeting (webinar):
Wednesday, May 1, 2019
10:00 a.m. MDT
https://zoom.us/j/5672281512
Contact Information: CWS Program Specialist Elena Langham elangham@utah.gov

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS
The following are encouraged to apply:
1. Applicant must be an existing, early childhood education program, primarily serving typically developing students;
2. Applicant must be one of the following:
   a. Local Education Agency (LEA);
   b. Charter school using federal (Title I) or state education funding for its current early childhood education (pre-kindergarten) program;
   c. Private child care provider;
   d. Home-based educational technology provider;
   e. Charter school that does not use federal or state education funding for its current early childhood education (pre-kindergarten), and uses a private or third-party provider on its campus;
3. Applicant’s school readiness program must currently exhibit evidence of high-quality programs, as defined in Utah Code §53A-18-202.
   a. Applicants receiving Expanded Student Access Grant funds (Utah Code §53A-15-302);
   b. Applicants receiving Result-based Contract Grant funds during the fiscal year 2020 grant period (Utah Code §53A-15-401). Prior recipients under the Results-Based Contract grant expiring June 30, 2019, are eligible to participate in this grant;
   c. The UPSTART (Utah Code §53T-6-403) program is not eligible for funding under this grant, and applicants from private preschool programs receiving funds through CWS Quality Improvement grants.

QUESTIONS & ANSWERS:
Any questions sent to scharedinns@utah.gov will be posted to: (Use link below)
https://sites.google.com/cecenter/utah/scharedinns/high-quality

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