Preschool Development Grant B5 Renewal

Informational Webinar

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Agenda for PDG Informational Webinar

- **Preschool Development Grant Overview**

- **PDG B5 Renewal Grant Priorities**

- **Arizona's Goals & Objectives for PDG B5**

- **General Timeline for Implementation**

- **Questions & Answers**

Preschool Development Grant Overview
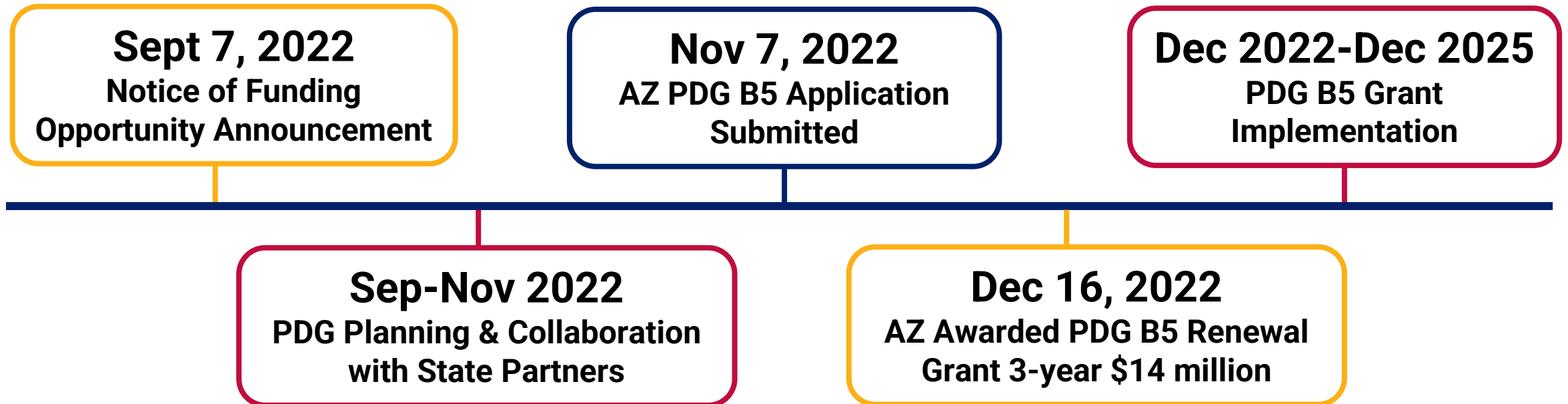
Initial Preschool Development Grant (PDG)

- ❑ **ADE Submitted Application Oct 2014**
- ❑ **AZ Awarded 3-year Grant Cycle 2015-2019**
  - ➤ Plus limited no cost extension in 2020
- ❑ **Increased Preschool Slots**
  - ➤ 4-year-old children in high needs communities
  - ➤ Subgrant awards competitive application each year
- ❑ **Improved Quality in Participating Programs**
  - ➤ Quality First Participation
  - ➤ Early Childhood Quality Improvement Process (ECQUIP)
  - ➤ Data Integration
  - ➤ Systems Building

Preschool Development Grant B5 Renewal (2019)
- ❑ **Arizona Completed Comprehensive Needs Assessment & Statewide Strategic Plan (2019)**
- ❑ **Established Local Planning Communities (LPC)**
- ❑ **Priority Areas**
  - ✓ Child Care Deserts
  - ✓ Inclusion
  - ✓ Early Language and Literacy
  - ✓ Workforce Development – PD and Coaching
  - ✓ Workforce Development – Degree Completion
- ❑ **ADE Submitted Application Nov 2019 (Not Awarded)**

Preschool Development Grant Birth-5 (2022)

Preschool Development Grant B5 Renewal (2022)

- ❑ Arizona 1 of 25 states eligible to apply
- ❑ Notice of Funding Opportunity Announcement: September 7, 2022
- ❑ PDG B5 Collaboration & Planning: Sept-Nov 2022
- ❑ Application Submitted: Nov 7, 2022
- ❑ Arizona Awarded $14 million 3-year Grant: Dec 31, 2022
- ❑ Grant Cycle/Implementation: Jan 2023-Dec 2025

Sept 7, 2022
Notice of Funding Opportunity Announcement

Nov 7, 2022
AZ PDG B5 Application Submitted

Dec 2022-Dec 2025
PDG B5 Grant Implementation

Sep-Nov 2022
PDG Planning & Collaboration with State Partners

Dec 16, 2022
AZ Awarded PDG B5 Renewal Grant 3-year $14 million

Preschool Development Grant
B-5 Renewal Priorities

PDG B5 Renewal Grant Priorities

- ❑ *Activity One*
  - ✓ **Update Comprehensive Statewide B-5 Needs Assessment**
- ❑ *Activity Two*
  - ✓ **Update Statewide B-5 Strategic Plan**
- ❑ *Activity Three*
  - ✓ **Maximize Parent and Family Engagement in B-5 System**
- ❑ *Activity Four*
  - ✓ **Support the B-5 Workforce and Disseminate Best Practices**
- ❑ *Activity Five*
  - ✓ **Support Program Quality Improvement**
- ❑ *Activity Six*
  - ✓ **Subgrants to Enhance Quality and Expand Access to Existing and New Programs**

PDG B5 Renewal Grant Priorities

❑ *Bonus Area*
  ✓ **Increasing Access to Inclusive Settings**

❑ *Bonus Area*
  ✓ **Improving Workforce Compensation**

Comprehensive Needs Assessment

❑ *Activity One*
  ✓ **Update Comprehensive Statewide B-5 Needs Assessment**

TOTAL Licensed ECE Providers	Centers	Family Providers	Public Schools	Small Group Homes
2,500	1,500	1,300	670	250

Effects of Pandemic:

- ⬆ increase in costs ⬇ decrease in enrollment

- Staff Shortages

- Compensation Competition

Update Statewide Strategic Plan

❑ *Activity Two*
  ✓ **Update Statewide Strategic Plan**

- **Data Integration**
  - ➤ Launch of <u>MapLIT tool</u> in partnership with Read On AZ
- **Inclusive Settings**
  - ➤ Itinerant Model Training
- **Early Literacy**
  - ➤ <u>Comprehensive Literacy State Development (CLSD) Grant</u>
  - ➤ Early Literacy Training & Coaching
- **School Readiness**
  - ➤ <u>Kindergarten Entry Assessment (KEA)</u>

Maximize Parent and Family Engagement

❑ *Activity Three*
 ✓ **Maximize Parent and Family Engagement in B-5 System**

- **Statewide Activities**
  - ➢ Enhance [Arizona's Statewide Family Engagement Center (SFEC)](#) and resources
  - ➢ Family Engagement Learning cohorts
  - ➢ Designate Parent-majority special advisory committee to inform needs assessment
- **Local Community Activities**
  - ➢ Establish additional Regional Family Engagement Hubs
  - ➢ Provide training and direct programming services to families

Support B-5 Workforce and Best Practices

❑ *Activity Four*
   ✓ **Support the B-5 Workforce and Disseminate Best Practices**

- **Professional Development**
  - ➤ Increase trainings across B-5 system
  - ➤ Enhance Workforce Registry
- **Recruitment & Retention**
  - ➤ Hire Workforce Liaison
  - ➤ Scholarships through AZ Teacher Academy
  - ➤ Promote Experienced Educator Rule to increase certified ECE teachers in field
  - ➤ Extend DES-DCC Professional Career Pathway Project (PCPP)
  - ➤ Support Career & Technical Education (CTE) Early Childhood Programs

Support Program Quality Improvement

❑ *Activity Five*
    ✓ **Support Program Quality Improvement**

- **Early Childhood Quality Improvement Practices (ECQUIP)**
  ➤ Process to increase collaboration & shared vision of local ECCE programs
  ➤ Updating ECQUIP Manual & guidance
- **Program Guidelines for High Quality Early Education: Birth through Kindergarten (PGHQ)**
  ➤ Updating Program Guidelines
- **Professional Development**
  ➤ Program for Infant-Toddler Care (PITC)
  ➤ LETRS for Early Childhood (Science of Reading)
- **Quality First**
  ➤ Expansion of Quality First participation in Years 2-3

Subgrants to Enhance & Expand Access

❑ *Activity Six*
  ✓ **Subgrants to Enhance Quality and Expand Access to Existing and New Programs**

- **Infant-Toddler Startup/Expansion**
  ➢ $5 million set aside for infant-toddler startup/expansion (high needs communities)
  ➢ Years 1-2 of PDG B5 (2023-2024)
  ➢ Cost will include furniture, materials, licensing fees, insurance, etc. to open infant-toddler classrooms
  ➢ Patterned after Head Start Child-Care Partnerships

Subgrants to Enhance & Expand Access

❑ *Activity Six*
  ✓ **Subgrants to Enhance Quality and Expand Access to Existing and New Programs**

- **Birth-5 Subgrants for Slots**
  ➤ $19 million will be awarded for subgrant sites (high needs communities)
  ➤ Subgrants awarded per child (infants, toddlers, and preschool age children)
  ➤ Priority given to programs serving infants/toddlers
  ➤ Eligible to programs receiving startup/expansion funds
  ➤ Approximately 1,000 children in estimated 50 sites will be awarded through the life of the grant

Increasing Access to Inclusive Settings

❑ *Bonus Area*
- ✓ **Increasing Access to Inclusive Settings**

- **Increase % of Children in Inclusive Settings**
  - ➢ Goal: 50% (Current: 31%)
- **ECE Inclusion Specialist**
  - ➢ ADE ECE team will hire Inclusion Specialist
- **Professional Development**
  - ➢ Increase trainings for Early Childhood Special Education (ECSE) available in Workforce Registry
  - ➢ Provide TA & Training on Itinerant Model and Inclusive Classroom Profile (ICP)

Improving Workforce Compensation

❏ *Bonus Area*
   ✓ **Improving Workforce Compensation**

- **Workforce Wage Enhancement**
  ➢ Subgrantees will participate in Workforce Compensation Pilot
  ➢ Ensure ECE staff are compensated based on the AZ Educator Salary Scale
- **Blending & Braiding ECE Funding**
  ➢ Provide training and resources to support ECE program funding utilizing multiple sources
  ➢ Update ECE Funding Manual

Preschool Development Grant
B-5 Timeline

PDG B5 Implementation Timeline (Annual)

Year 1 (2023)	Year 2 (2024)	Year 3 (2025)
Hire Inclusion & Workforce Specialists	School Readiness Summit (Summer 2024)	
Infant-Toddler Startup/ Expansion Subgrants		
Birth-5 Subgrants for Slots (Competitive Application Awarded for 2 Years)		Birth-5 Subgrants for Slots (Competitive Application; HQEL Sites Eligible to Apply)
Mini-grants to Career & Technical Education Programs	Expand Family Engagement & Literacy Hubs	
Scholarships to Arizona Teachers Academy	AZ Workforce Registry Enhancement	
Kickoff Inclusion Training & Technical Assistance	DES DCC Professional Career Pathway Project (Apprenticeship Program)	
ECQUIP Manual Revision	Professional Development: PITC and LETRS	
Begin Revision of Program Guidelines	Quality First Expansion for Subgrantees (starting July 2024)	

PDG B5 Implementation Timeline (Year 1)

Jan-March 2023
- Subgrant Eligibility List
- Application/Grant Build

April-May 2023
- Subgrant Applications Submitted & Reviewed

Aug 2023
- Subgrant Funded Programming Begins

March 2023
- Hire ECE Inclusion & Workforce Specialists

June-July 2023
- Subgrants Awarded for Expansion & Slots

Sep-Dec 2023
- Technical Assistance & Program Monitoring

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