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# Preschool Development Grant B5 Renewal

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**Informational Webinar**  
**January 26, 2024**

# Welcome & Introductions



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- ❖ **Preschool Development Grant Overview**
- ❖ **PDG B5 Renewal Grant Priorities**
- ❖ **Arizona's Goals & Objectives for PDG B5**
- ❖ **Updated Timeline for Implementation**
  - ❖ **Questions & Answers**



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# Preschool Development Grant Overview

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# Preschool Development Grant in Arizona (2014)

- ❑ **ADE Submitted Application Oct 2014**
- ❑ **AZ Awarded 4-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 Birth-5 (2019)

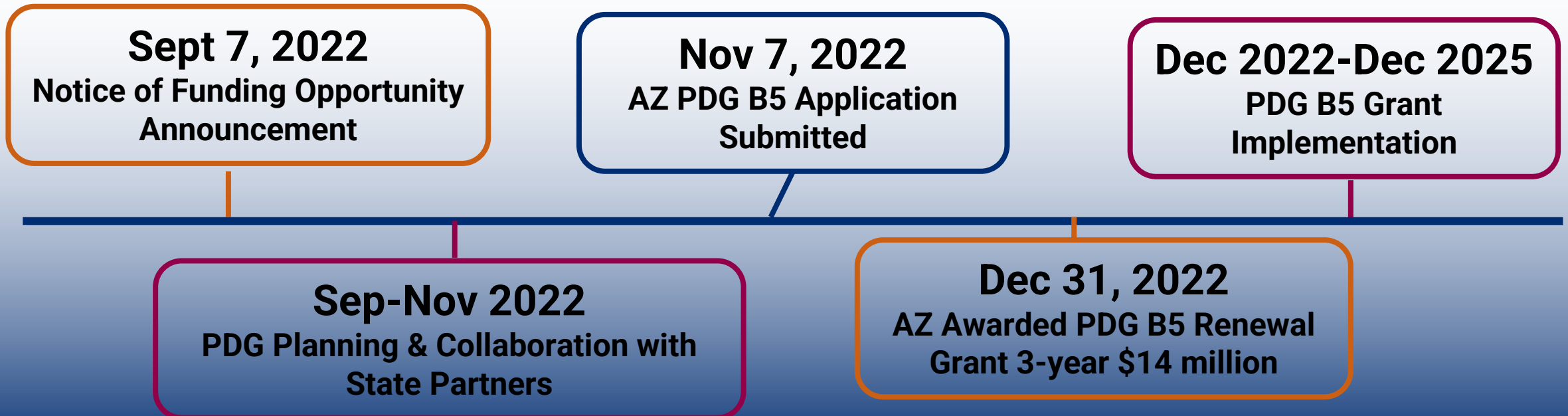
## Preschool Development Grant B5 Renewal (2019)

- ❑ 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)

- ❑ 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: Dec 2023-Dec 2025





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# **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

### **Data for Needs Assessment:**

- [MapLit Tool](#) (integrative data)
- First Things First Needs & Assets Report
- Department of Economic Security Division of Child Care
- Head Start Program Information Report (PIR)
- Early Childhood Assessment Data

# Update Statewide Strategic Plan



## □ *Activity Two*

### ✓ **Update Statewide Strategic Plan**

- **Data Integration**
  - Launch of [MapLIT tool](#)
- **Inclusive Settings**
  - Itinerant Model Training
  - Pyramid Model
- **Early Literacy**
  - [Comprehensive Literacy State Development \(CLSD\) Grant](#)
  - Early Literacy Training & Coaching
- **School Readiness**
  - [Teacher's Institute & Leading Change Conference](#)



# 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 Specialist
- Promote Experienced Educator Rule to increase certified ECE teachers in field
- Extend DES-DCC Professional Career Pathway Project (PCPP) & Apprenticeship



# 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**
  - Pyramid Model training & coaching
  - LETRS for Early Childhood (Science of Reading)
- **Quality First**
  - Expansion of Quality First participation in Years 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 for infant-toddler startup/expansion in high needs communities
- Years 1-2 of PDG B5 (2023-2024)
- Allowable costs include furniture, materials, staffing, etc. for infant-toddler classrooms
- Classrooms must be established on a licensed site (*construction not allowed*)





# 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 in high needs communities across three years
- Subgrants awarded per child (infants, toddlers, and preschool age children)
- Priority given to programs serving infants/toddlers
- Eligible for programs receiving startup/expansion funds



# 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 Pyramid Model



# Improving Workforce Compensation



## □ *Bonus Area*

### ✓ Improving Workforce Compensation

#### • Workforce Wage Enhancement

- Subgrantees will participate in Workforce Compensation Pilot
- Ensure ECE staff in subgrant awarded sites are compensated based on the AZ Educator Salary Scale (DES DCC)

#### • Blending & Braiding ECE Funding

- Provide training and resources to support ECE program funding utilizing multiple sources
- Update ECE Funding Manual





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# **Preschool Development Grant B-5 Timeline & Implementation**

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# PDG B5 Implementation Timeline - Annual



Year 1 (2023)	Year 2 (2024)	Year 3 (2025)
<b>Hire Inclusion &amp; Workforce Specialists</b>	<b>School Readiness Summit/ Teacher's Institute and Leading Change (June 2024)</b>	<b>PDG Subgrant Convening</b>
<b>Infant-Toddler Startup/ Expansion Subgrants</b> <i>Cohort 1 – Competitive</i>	<b>Infant-Toddler Startup/ Expansion Subgrants</b> <i>Cohort 2 – Competitive</i>	<b>Quality First Expansion for Subgrantees</b> <i>Starting July 2024</i>
<b>Birth-5 Subgrants for Slots</b> <i>Cohort 1 – Competitive</i>	<b>Birth-5 Subgrants for Slots</b> <i>Cohort 1 – Continuation</i> <i>Cohort 2 – Competitive</i>	<b>Birth-5 Subgrants for Slots</b> <i>Cohort 1 – Continuation</i> <i>Cohort 2 – Continuation</i>
	<b>Expand Family Engagement &amp; Literacy Hubs (Project FELT)</b>	
	<b>Update ECE Funding Manual</b>	
<b>Kickoff Inclusion Training &amp; Technical Assistance</b>	<b>DES DCC Professional Career Pathway Project</b> <i>Apprenticeship Program</i>	
<b>Begin Revision of Program Guidelines</b>	<b>AZ Workforce Registry Enhancement</b>	



# PDG B5 Implementation Timeline Cohort 2 (Year 1)



## Jan-Feb 2024

- PDG Planning
- Informational Webinars
- Build Application & Website

## April 2024

- Notification of Awards for Expansion & Slots

## June-July 2024

- Subgrant Program Implementation Preparation
- Begin Hiring Process

## Oct-Nov 2024

- Initial Site Visits Begin for Slot Funded Subgrants

## Feb-March 2024

- Feb 9-March 22
- Cohort 2 Subgrant Application Open in Grants Management

## May 2024

- Subgrant Onboarding

## Aug-Sep 2024

- Classroom Setup & Staff Hiring
- Initial Site Visits Begin
- Monitoring (EMAC)

## March-April 2025

- Initial Site Visits Begin for Start-Up & Expansion
- Monitoring (EMAC)

# Subgrants to Enhance & Expand Access



## ❑ *Activity Six*

### ✓ **Subgrants to Enhance Quality and Expand Access to Existing and New Programs**

Age Group	Estimated Monthly Amount per Enrolled Child	Annual Award Amount per Enrolled Child	Total Slots Awarded (Cohort 1)
Infant (0-12 months)	\$1,833	\$22,000	21
Toddler (1-3 years)	\$1,333	\$16,000	69
Preschool (3-5 years)	\$1,000	\$12,000	86



# Subgrants to Enhance & Expand Access



## □ *Activity Six*

- ✓ **Subgrants to Enhance Quality and Expand Access to Existing and New Programs**

<b>Infant &amp; Toddler Startup / Expansion</b>	<b>Awarded Amount for Startup/Expansion</b>
<b>Max Awarded Amount per Site</b>	<b>\$200,000</b>
<b>Estimated Number of Sites Awarded</b>	<b>*Cohort 1- 16 sites Cohort 2- TBD</b>

*\* Eligible sites may apply for a maximum of \$200,000 for startup/expansion.*



# PDG B5 Subgrant Eligibility



## Data utilized for subgrant eligibility criteria:

- **Poverty**
  - Low-income communities
  - High % of students eligible for Free and Reduced Lunch
- **Opportunity Zones** (established by the [U.S. Department of Treasury](#))
- **Census Tract**
  - Rural
  - Tribal
- **Performance Data**
  - English Language Arts (ELA) Data
  - Early Childhood Assessment
- **Preschool Gap Data**
  - Greater than 25% preschool gap
  - Determined by [Bipartisan Policy Center](#)
- **Capacity to serve Infants/Toddlers**

[AZ PDG B5 Eligibility List](#)

# PDG B5 Subgrant Eligibility- Unique Entity Identifier



## Step 1: SAM.gov. Registration/Renewal

Your organization must have an active SAM.gov registration prior to submitting a Preschool Development Grant B-5 (PDG B-5) application. Upon successful completion of a SAM.gov registration, a **Unique Entity Identifier (UEI)**, formerly DUNS, number will be issued to your organization.

**The SAM.gov UEI registration process can take up to 10 business days to complete.**

[Start a new SAM Registration](#)

[Renew existing SAM Registration](#)

## Start a SAM Registration

### Start a New SAM Registration

Complete a System for Award Management (SAM) registration as a business for federal contracting or grants, or nonprofit entity for grants. Your SAM registration will be valid for one year from the date the registration is complete.



A SAM registration must be renewed each year to remain active and compliant. USFCR recommends renewing 90 days prior to the SAM expiration date. If you are renewing an existing SAM registration, please [click here](#).

### USFCR is Here to Help

If you have any questions or would like assistance with federal registrations and contracting, call USFCR at (877) 252-2700, Monday-Friday, 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM ET. Our federal registrations and contracting experts are here to help.

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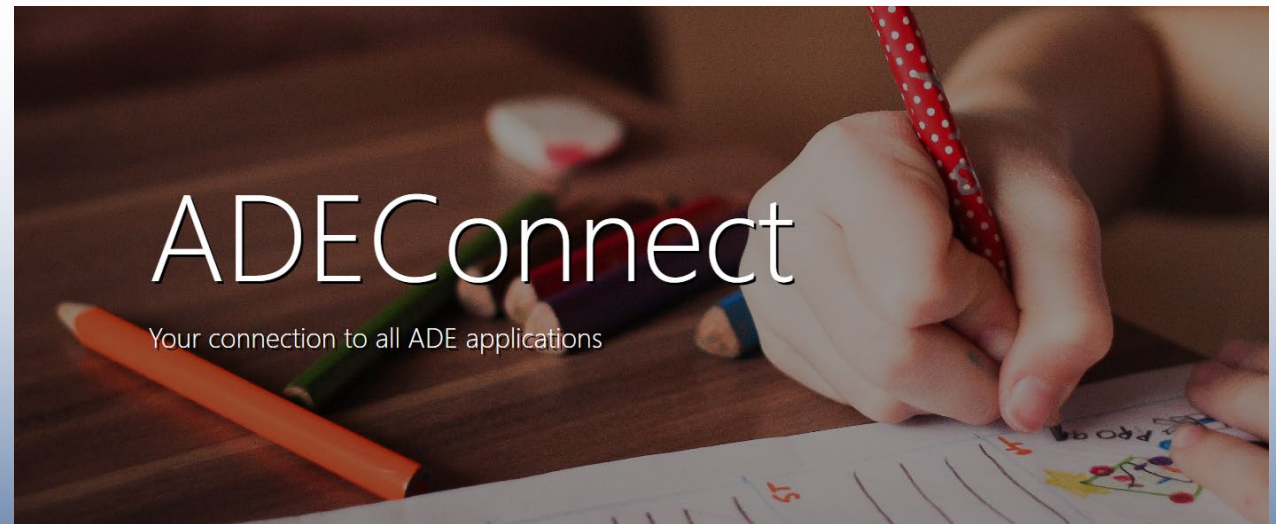
## Step 2: Apply for Entity ID with ADE

Your organization must have an **Entity ID** to apply for funding with the Arizona Department of Education. You will need to submit the following documentation:

- **Unique Entity Identifier** (*Step 1 above*)
- **Entity Information**
  - Name of Entity/Organization
  - County
  - Phone Number
  - Physical Address (Street, City, State, Zip)
  - Mailing Address (Street, City, State, Zip)
- **AZ Department of Health Services License Certificate**

## Step 3: Apply for ADEConnect Entity Administrator Access

[Apply for ADEConnect Entity Administrator Access](#)





# Questions?

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