

Nevada Ready! High-Quality Preschool Development Grant
Building Upon a Foundation of Success

Statement of Priorities: The Office of Early Learning and Development in the Nevada Department of Education (NDE), through the Preschool Development Grant, will enhance state capacity to implement and sustain voluntary high quality pre-k programs. This work will build off the existing successful state programs (State Funded Pre-k and ZOOM Pre-k) to develop an aligned system to support our earliest learners and their families.

Key Facts:

- Increase both the number of instructional hours in current pre-k programs from a minimum of 10-hours a week to 25-hours a week or 5-hours a day and the number of new pre-k classrooms.
- The goal is to serve a total of 2,990 children in high quality, full day pre-k programs and the infrastructure to sustain the program following the four-year grant period. Ultimately, Nevada will increase high quality pre-k seats by 58% serving approximately 15% of the state’s four-year-old population in high need communities.
- NDE will work through sub-grantees which include: LEAs, private entities, non-profits, charter schools, and faith-based programs.
- 75% of the grant funds will be sub-granted and 25% of the grant funds will be used to build infrastructure and capacity.
- The definition of high quality pre-k programs includes requirements addressing: the licensure of educators, curriculum, child/staff ratios, participation in program evaluation, parent involvement, coordination of wrap-around services, equal access, collaboration with special education and Title I programs, and health and safety standards.
- Identification of high-need communities incorporated multiple measures to afford a comprehensive view of child development from birth to graduation.
 - High-need communities are located in the following counties: Nye, Churchill, Washoe, Clark, and Lyon.
- Nevada proposed the following state match as required by the terms of the federal grant.

Pre-k Development Grant	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Cumulative \$
1. Allocation of State Matching Funds	\$2,135,288	\$4,727,993	\$6,918,816	\$8,983,737	\$22,765,834
2. State-Level Infrastructure	\$1,217,390	\$991,148	\$799,711	\$749,458	\$3,757,707
3. High-Quality Preschool Programs (Funds to Sub-grantees)	\$5,188,470	\$10,040,835	\$12,049,518	\$12,726,150	\$40,004,973
New Preschool Seats	\$1,920,000	\$4,000,000	\$3,920,000	\$2,640,000	\$12,480,000
Expanded Half Day to Full Day Preschool Seats	\$2,574,000	\$2,769,000	\$234,000	\$0	\$5,577,000
Total Federal Grant Funds (Lines 2 and 3)	\$6,405,860	\$11,031,983	\$12,849,229	\$13,475,608	\$43,762,680
Total Statewide Budget (Lines 1-3)	\$8,541,148	\$15,759,976	\$19,768,045	\$22,459,345	\$66,528,514

➤ Proposed Timeline for Enhancement of Half Day to Full Day Seats and Development of New High Quality Preschool Seats for High-Need Communities

	Proposed Seats FY15/16		Proposed Seats FY16/17		Proposed Seats FY17/18		Proposed Seats FY18/19		Nevada Total Proposed Seats	
	Expand to Full-Day	New Seats	Expand to Full-Day	New Seats						
Nye County School District	120	60	0	60	0	0	0	0		
Total Nye County	120	60	0	60	0	0	0	0	120	120
Churchill County School District & Partners	80	0	0	60	0	0	0	0	80	60
Total Churchill County	80	0	0	60	0	0	0	0	80	60
Community Services Agency (UNR, & Charter)	0	80	0	80	0	60	0	0	0	220
Washoe County School District & Partners	120	0	230	80	0	60	0	0	350	140
Total Washoe County	120	80	230	160	0	120	0	0	350	360
United Way Southern Nevada, (CCSD & Partners)	200	80	300	80	60	230	0	190	560	580
State Public Charter School Association	0	40	0	80	0	100	0	100	0	320
Total Clark County	200	120	300	160	60	330	0	290	560	900
Lyon County School Dist. & Partners	140	60	180	60	0	0	0	0	320	120
Total Lyon County	140	60	180	60	0	0	0	0	320	120
Grand Totals	660	240	710	500	60	490	0	330	1,430	1,560

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