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United Way of King County

**United Way of King County
Early Learning
Early Intervention
Funding Announcement**

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Overview

Early Intervention (birth-to-three system for children with delays, disabilities and/or special health care needs) provides direct services to children and families using a bicultural lens that supports development in the context of a family's home language and culture. Parents and families will be supported to effectively advocate for their special needs child, access resources, and engage in activities to help their child develop and learn. Services and supports enable young children to be active and successful participants during the early childhood years so they can gain the knowledge and skills needed to reach their highest potential and develop towards the goal of starting kindergarten on a path to success.

Programs currently supported under Early Intervention (investment area 2409) must reapply to be considered for continued funding.

Funding for early learning investments will be more competitive than in previous years due to anticipated higher number of applicants for a reduced amount of available funding. We do not guarantee that those who have been funded in the past will continue to receive funding.

Funding available: A total of up to \$400,000 is available for Early Intervention services.

Award range: Grants will be in the \$30,000-100,000. Funding outside this range may be considered if appropriate, based on the level of service being provided.

Eligibility: Applicants must be part of the public birth-to-three early intervention system and serve families in King County.

Funding period: Initial awards will be made for a one year period from July 1, 2017 – June 30, 2018.

Timeline

January 9, 2017	Applications distributed by email
February 3, 2017	Applications due
April 30, 2017	Applicants notified if approved for funding
July 1, 2017	Contracts begin
January 16, 2018	Progress report due
July 23, 2018	Year-end report due with demographics

Strategies/Services

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Examples include-

- Early identification, screening, and assessment services
- Family Resource Coordination
- Social Work or Counseling Services
- Occupational, Physical, Speech Therapy and/or Special Instruction
- Health, nutrition, vision, hearing services
- Family training, counseling and home visits

Focus Population

Low-income families of color and immigrant and refugee families with children birth to three with delays, disabilities and/or special health care needs. We are particularly interested in programs serving African American, American Indian/Alaska Native, Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander, and/or Latino families.

Information & Technical Assistance

Individualized technical assistance is available at each applicant's request. For information or questions about the application, or to schedule technical assistance, contact Hannah Locke, hlocke@uwkc.org, (206) 461-5021.

Racial Equity

United Way of King County is focused on eliminating racial disparities evident at kindergarten entry and that persist in later education. United Way therefore has a significant focus on populations with identified school preparation and achievement gaps, including but not limited to low-income children, children of color (in particular African American, American Indian/Alaska Native, Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander and Latino) and English language learners.

Successful applicants will demonstrate their involvement in the King County Birth to Three Racial Equity Initiative and how it has influenced their capacity to deliver effective, culturally competent services that have the potential to reduce identified racial disparities. We will also give priority to organizations serving higher numbers and percentages of children from low-income, African American, American Indian/Alaska Native, Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander, and/or Latino families.

Reporting

A six-month progress report as well as a year-end final report are required, providing a summary of goals/milestones met to date including narrative descriptions of highlights, successes and challenges encountered and resolved.

Additional Requirements

Applicants who receive funding will be required to utilize new or existing community engagement practices to ensure that programs delivered can be developed with direct involvement of the community they serve. For example, a parent advisory group to inform program development and decision-making. Additionally, program leadership will be required to attend quarterly learning community meetings.

Submission Instructions

Early Intervention applications will be in a **short form** and **submitted via email**. **Application forms will be emailed January 9, 2017 and should be submitted via email by February 3, 2017 to Hannah Locke at hlocke@uwkc.org.**