Program Summary

Preschool Development Grant (PDG) Facility Planning grants are available for predevelopment and feasibility activities to develop, expand or improve early childhood facilities. Grant-funded planning work could include hiring professionals for the following: architectural design services for project feasibility and concept design; site analysis; engineering studies; legal services (ex: hiring a land use attorney to pursue a change in zoning for allowable use); and environmental survey and review.

Application Preview

The following questions are included in the online planning grant form, which can be found here. Please note that this document is for reference only. When you are ready to apply, please use the online application. A few notes about the application itself:

- Some questions listed below are conditional and will be asked or not asked depending on the answers to previous questions;
- The online form is best viewed in the Google Chrome or Microsoft Edge browser platforms;
- The form requests your email address – please note that emails from the form sometimes get filtered into junk/spam folders, so please check there if you do not receive anything in your inbox; and
- You will have the option to save your application by entering your email and a password; please keep your password safe as we are unable to retrieve or reset passwords (meaning you will be unable to access your application should you need to stop and restart and will need to start over).

Applicant Information

1. Legal name of organization
2. Doing business as "DBA" name (if applicable)
3. DUNS number

Contact Person Information

4. First name
5. Last name
6. Title
7. Primary email for contact (this email will be used for all LISC communication during the application process)
8. Secondary email for contact
9. Contact person's phone number

Additional Business Information

10. Structure of business (please select: s-corporation/c-corporation, nonprofit/non-stock corporation, sole proprietorship, limited liability company, partnership, other- please specify)
11. Years in business (2 years or less; 3-5 years; 6-9 years; 10 years or more)
12. Are you an existing child care provider (yes/no)
    12.1 If yes, DHS provider ID number/school ID number
    12.2 If yes, BrightStars, CCAP, Head Start, Early Head Start, State Pre-k participation (yes/no)
    12.3 If no, are you working with a child care provider (yes/no/other)
         12.4. a) If yes, name of child care provider
         12.4. b) If other, please describe

Socioeconomic Data (optional)

13. Gender (woman, man, non-binary, other, prefer not to say)
14. Veteran (yes, no, prefer not to say)
15. Race/Ethnicity (African American/Black, American Indian/Alaska Native, Asian, Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander, Hispanic/Latino, White, Biracial, Multiracial, prefer not to say)
16. Are you a certified Disability-Owned, Minority-Owned, Veteran-Owned, and/or Woman-Owned Business Enterprise (yes/no; if yes, select all that apply)

Grant Information

17. Dollar amount of grant request
18. Primary purpose of grant request (select all that apply: architectural design services; landscape/playground design services; site analysis; engineering studies; legal services; environmental survey and review; other- please describe)
19. Facility space (owned, leased, other- please describe)
20. Facility address

21. In what area(s) is support needed (select all that apply: help planning a move to a new space; help planning and/or implementing a renovation project; help planning space for a proposed new center; compliance with DHS licensing regulations; health and safety – overall building condition/building code issues; health and safety- playground issues; overall playground improvements; physical space barrier to program quality; ADA compliance; help planning an appropriate learning environment; assistance in developing a fundraising plan for a capital project; business management; need a comprehensive facility assessment to assist in the development of a facility improvement plan; other- please describe)
22. Briefly describe your project including the project type, number of classrooms you would like to improve or expand, and estimated enrollment numbers and age groups served

Once your online application has been reviewed, you will be notified via email. Being selected to move forward in the grant application process does not guarantee a grant will be awarded. As a next step, additional information will be required in order for us to determine next steps. This includes documentation to perform the due diligence required by the program's federal funding source.

For questions, please email riccelff@lisc.org. We are monitoring this email regularly.