

Questions and Answers from the Virtual Kindergarten Transition Orientation on 1/26/2022

Q. Will the recording be shared after the meeting?

A. Yes, the recording along with the agenda and handouts is posted on our website. The link is below: <https://www.ccf.ny.gov/council-initiatives/nysb5/faqs/>

Q. Do you have to watch the Kindergarten Transition Orientation in order to apply for funding?

A. Yes, the person who is going to fill out the application and implement the Kindergarten Seed Money project or the Kindergarten Transition Summit will need to watch the recording and fill out the webinar evaluation as well. The webinar evaluation can be found in the agenda. The recording link can be found using the link in the previous question.

Q. Can individual schools apply?

A. If your school is part of a district with multiple elementary schools, you will need to include the other elementary schools, and not just one particular building.

Q. Is the Vendor ID# the same as the district BEDS code? If not, Is the Vendor ID# something needed to apply?

A. No, the Vendor ID# is assigned by NYS and this is how the state reimburses your district or organization. It is not the BEDS number. Your fiscal officer or financial office will have the Vendor ID#. The Vendor ID# usually starts with 1 followed by 4 or 5 zeros then an additional 4 digits. If your organization does not have a Vendor ID#, please email us and we will send you an application to fill out. nysb5@ccf.ny.gov

Q. Should there be representation from all of the roles listed on the Local Kindergarten Transition Team Planner?

A. You should attempt to fill as many roles as you can; this is what makes it a community effort. We are happy to help connect you to people in your area if you are unsure on how to locate them.

Q. How many grants are available and is this competitive?

A. These are not actually “grants”. They will be through a Purchase Order (PO) process. There will be 10 funding opportunities awarded with the individual award amount being up to \$10,000. Yes, this is competitive.

Q. Can an organization apply multiple years in a row?

A. No. This is a one time funding opportunity. The purpose of the funding is to create local transition teams and sustain the new innovative transition activities.

Q. When will the funding be distributed?

A. We anticipate that the awards will start on April 1, 2022.

Q. If we have received Kindergarten Transition Summit Funds in the past, can we re-apply?

A. No, this is a one time funding opportunity that can only be awarded once to an organization/school district. However, this does not preclude you from participating as a member of another local transition team.

Q. Can you apply for both Seed and Summit funding?

A. Your district or organization can only receive 1 award. Please apply for the one that best fits the needs of your community.

Q. Can only new programs apply?

A. No, this is not only for a new program. School districts and other community based organizations can apply.

Q. Are these definitions correct that Seed Money Funding sounds like smaller more specific activities and Summit Money Funding sound like a broader event?

A. The Seed Money Funding is for innovative transition practices to help make the transition to kindergarten positive and smooth for children and their families.

The Summit Money Funding would be to host an event similar to the orientation recording where you invite multiple districts and community based organization to teach them how to create and or expand transition teams in their district or organization.

Q. Can you pay administrators for their time in planning an event?

A. If an employee is a 12 month employee, the answer is No. You may not supplant any existing funding streams.

Q. Can you pay for food with this funding?

A. No. Food may not be a part of the budget. A budget should be detailed enough where you list an item, the cost of the item and the total of the item.

Example: If you are planning an event for 300 children and you want to purchase a book that will cost \$5.00 that would be $300 \times \$5 = \$1,500$.