

ABSTRACT

SPECIAL FUND PROPOSAL

Section I. BASIC INFORMATION

Proposed Project Title: New Haven School Readiness Grant

Grant Source and Agency: CT Office of Early Childhood (OEC)

Total Amount Requested: \$7,614,888 **Due Date of Application:**
May 4, 2023

System Contact: Shubhra Gupta, School Readiness Coordinator

Telephone #: 475-220-1470

Description of Project: Provide a brief description below. Use Section VI to outline specific objectives and strategies relating to goals described in the application.

The goal of the School Readiness Grant is to increase access to high quality preschool for New Haven children age 3-4 years old.

TARGET: Schools/Unit: 21
No. of Students: 915 **Grade Level(s):** Preschool
Eligibility Criteria: New Haven resident

GRANT PERIOD:	
From: 07/01/2023	
To: 06/30/2024	
<input type="checkbox"/> New	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Continuation	
Previous Bd. of Ed. Approval:	
<input type="checkbox"/> Planning	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Operational	
Bd. of Ed. Information	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Action	
<input type="checkbox"/> Information	
<input type="checkbox"/> Support	
<input type="checkbox"/> Competitive	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Entitlement	
<input type="checkbox"/> Grant	

PROPOSAL DEVELOPERS:
Shubhra Gupta and the New Haven Early Childhood Council.

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ABSTRACT TIMETABLE	REVIEW
<p>Return to: _____</p> <p>Received: _____</p> <p>Board of Education FINANCE & OPERATIONS Meeting Date: <u>6/5/23</u></p> <p>Board of Education Meeting Date: <u>6/12/23</u></p> <p>Due Date to Grantor: _____</p>	<p>Grants Manager _____</p> <p>Finance Manager _____</p> <p>Human Resource Manager _____</p>

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SECTION II: FISCAL INFORMATION

PERSONNEL

# FT	#PT		COST
		Administrators	
		Teachers	\$
1		Management	\$\$ 73,702
		Paraprofessionals	\$
		Clerks	\$
		Others	\$
		Stipend	\$
		Longevity	\$
		SUBTOTAL	\$ 73,702

NON PERSONNEL

	COST
Supplies & Materials	\$
Student Transportation	\$
Staff Travel	\$
Internal Evaluation	\$
External Evaluation	\$
Independent Contractors	\$ 7,514,888
Equipment	\$
Other	\$
Indirect Costs, if allowed	\$
TOTAL NON- PERSONEL	\$ 7,514,888

FIXED COSTS:

Health Benefits	\$ 16,769
Pension (Paras & Mgmt.)	\$ 3,390
FICA/Medicare	\$ 5,638
Workmen's Compensation	\$ 501
SUBTOTAL	\$ 26,298
TOTAL PERSONNEL & FIXED COSTS	\$ 100,000

Notes:

- 1) **Total Personnel and Non-Personnel columns must equal grant total.**
- 2) **The Abstract budget must be aligned with the Grant Application budget/ED114.**
- 3) **All applications should budget for staff development (stipends) and evaluation wherever appropriate.**

SECTION IIA: BUDGET EXPLANATION

The following categories must be explained:

All Personnel: explain positions; **Salary:** if the grant pays a percent of salary and fixed costs, please describe below, breaking down **percentages and amounts to be paid by grant and by NHPS**. **Other;** and **All Non- Personnel items**. If additional space is needed, continue to next page.

Personnel Administrators: 100% of the SR Coordinator's salary, FICA and Pension is paid by the grant. Health benefits will be paid 55.5% by the grant and 44.5% by the District. Workers' Compensation is 13% of SR Coordinator's salary. Amount of Worker's Compensation to be paid by the District's General Funds for SR Coordinator: \$501.00.

Contracted Services: Funding to 21 SR sub-grantees to provide a preschool program for 915 children. Sub-grantees are paid on a per child served basis, the rate of which is determined by the State and based on the number of hours served.

Full Day Full Year: \$8,924 (requires programs to be open 10 hours a day, 12 months a year.

School Day, School Year: \$6,000 (requires programs to be open 6 hours a day, for 10 months.

Part Day, School Year: \$4,500 (requires programs to be open a minimum of 2.5 hours a day for 10 months Programs are selected by the New Haven Early Childhood Council (as required by CT Statute Chapter 164 Sec 10-16r and Office of Early Childhood General Policy C-01) based on program compliance with all School Readiness regulations.

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SECTION III: SYSTEM OBLIGATIONS

Project support from other programs: None Yes **Explain:**

Linkage with other programs: None Yes **Explain:**

The New Haven Early Childhood Council reviews and selects sub-grantees. Sub-grantees may be community-based for-profit, non-profit or public institutions.

Local Fiscal costs, (include renovation): None Yes **Explain:**

The maximum allowed by OEC for administrative costs is \$100,000. Current administrative costs are 113,449 for 1 FTE School Readiness Coordinator. The administrative funds also do not cover the costs of a 25%FTE fiscal officer.

Future local personnel obligations: None Yes **Explain:**

As described above, without additional administrative funds, future local personnel costs will continue to rise

PROJECT OR GRANT REQUIREMENTS

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Local Maintenance | <input type="checkbox"/> Replication | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Parent Involvement |
| <input type="checkbox"/> In-Service Training | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Advisory Committee | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Linkage w/other Programs |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Non-Public School Involved | | <input type="checkbox"/> Dissemination |

ADDITIONAL RESTRICTIONS OR CONCERNS

SUBMITTING ADMINISTRATOR:

Ruthie Angeli
Signature

5/16/23
Date

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SECTION IV: PROPOSED PERSONNEL

List, **individually**, each position proposed by this grant application. If no personnel, please indicate N/A in the chart below

F/T	P/T	Classification	Position Description	Duration of Proposed Service	Proposed Employee	Current NHPS Employee Yes/No	If Yes Current Employee Number
1.		Management	SR Project Coordinator	7/1/23-6/30/24	Shubhra Gupta	Yes	44262

V. PROPOSED CONTRACTS

List **individually**, each contract that will be prepared by this proposed project. If contractors will not be utilized, please indicate **N/A** in the chart below.

Proposed Independent Contractor	Brief Description of Service	Proposed Pay Rate	Proposed Total
Determined by the New Haven Early Childhood Council through a RFP process. See attached list.	Twenty-one organizations, including NHPS, will provide preschool program for 1,012 children ages 3-4 years.	Determined by the CT Office of Early Childhood (see Sec IIA)	\$7,614,888

FY 24 SR COMMUNITY SPACE AND FUNDING ALLOCATION GRID

Effective Date:	7/1/2023										
Community:	New Haven										
Site Name <i>The name of the site(s) MUST match the name as listed in the Registry/on license</i>	Start Date* (Sites approved for funding in FY23)	# FD/FY Spaces	Total FD/FY Cost	# SD/SY Spaces	Total SD/SY Cost	# PD/PY Spaces	Total PD/PY Cost	# ED/EY Spaces	Total ED/EY Cost	Total # Spaces	Total Cost
All Our Children Academy	7/1/2021	10	\$ 89,240.00		\$ -		\$ -		\$ -	10	\$ 89,240.00
Auntie Rose Child Care Development Center LLC	7/1/2019	37	\$ 330,188.00		\$ -		\$ -		\$ -	37	\$ 330,188.00
Calvin Hill Day Care Ctr-KLF Kindergarten	1/10/1999		\$ -	10	\$ 60,000.00		\$ -		\$ -	10	\$ 60,000.00
Centro San Jose Child Development Center	9/11/2001	40	\$ 356,960.00		\$ -		\$ -		\$ -	40	\$ 356,960.00
Catholic Charities Child Development Center	1/10/2011	37	\$ 330,188.00		\$ -		\$ -		\$ -	37	\$ 330,188.00
Saint Francis and Saint Rose of Lima Child Development Center	12/3/2018	87	\$ 776,388.00		\$ -		\$ -		\$ -	87	\$ 776,388.00
Creating Kids at the CT Children's Museum	7/1/2000		\$ -	9	\$ 54,000.00		\$ -		\$ -	9	\$ 54,000.00
Creative ME	7/1/2023	32	\$ 285,568.00		\$ -		\$ -		\$ -	32	\$ 285,568.00
Farmam Nursery School	6/1/1997	60	\$ 535,440.00		\$ -		\$ -		\$ -	60	\$ 535,440.00
First Step Childcare & Learning CTR	7/1/2023	24	\$ 214,176.00		\$ -		\$ -		\$ -	24	\$ 214,176.00
Friends Center for Children-East Grand	7/1/2011	40	\$ 356,960.00		\$ -		\$ -		\$ -	40	\$ 356,960.00
Friends Center for Children-Blake Street	11/1/2019	20	\$ 178,480.00		\$ -		\$ -		\$ -	20	\$ 178,480.00
The Gateway Community College Early Learning Center	9/1/1997	30	\$ 267,720.00		\$ -	4	\$ 18,000.00		\$ -	30	\$ 267,720.00
Lelja Day Nurseries, Inc.	11/1/1997		\$ -	18	\$ 108,000.00		\$ -		\$ -	18	\$ 108,000.00
LUIAC Head Start - Fay Miller Center	7/1/2023	72	\$ 642,528.00		\$ -		\$ -		\$ -	72	\$ 642,528.00
LUIAC Head Start - Future Leaders Center	7/1/2023	28	\$ 249,872.00		\$ -		\$ -		\$ -	28	\$ 249,872.00
Montessori School on Edgewood	10/1/2006	31	\$ 276,644.00		\$ -		\$ -		\$ -	31	\$ 276,644.00
Morning Glory Early Learning Center LLC	12/1/1999	10	\$ 89,240.00		\$ -		\$ -		\$ -	10	\$ 89,240.00
Morning Glory Infant Toddler Center LLC	10/1/2010	8	\$ 71,392.00		\$ -		\$ -		\$ -	8	\$ 71,392.00
New Haven BOE at Augusta Lewis Troup School	9/1/2014		\$ -	20	\$ 120,000.00		\$ -		\$ -	20	\$ 120,000.00
New Haven BOE at Columbus Family Academy	9/1/2008		\$ -	20	\$ 120,000.00		\$ -		\$ -	20	\$ 120,000.00
New Haven BOE at East Rock School	11/1/2012		\$ -	40	\$ 240,000.00		\$ -		\$ -	40	\$ 240,000.00
New Haven BOE at Hill Central School	9/1/2011		\$ -	20	\$ 120,000.00		\$ -		\$ -	20	\$ 120,000.00
New Haven BOE at Nathan Hale School	9/1/2011		\$ -	22	\$ 132,000.00	28	\$ 126,000.00		\$ -	50	\$ 258,000.00
St. Aedan Pre School	9/1/1998	50	\$ 446,200.00		\$ -		\$ -		\$ -	50	\$ 446,200.00
St Andrew's Child Care Center	9/1/1997	36	\$ 321,264.00		\$ -		\$ -		\$ -	36	\$ 321,264.00
The Little Schoolhouse	7/1/2011	18	\$ 160,632.00		\$ -		\$ -		\$ -	18	\$ 160,632.00
Westville Community Nursery School	11/1/1997		\$ -	6	\$ 36,000.00	6	\$ 27,000.00		\$ -	12	\$ 63,000.00
Yale-New Haven Hospital Day Care Center	7/1/2001	19	\$ 169,556.00		\$ -		\$ -		\$ -	19	\$ 169,556.00
Yale NH Hosp Early Learning Centers - George S	7/1/2013	3	\$ 26,772.00		\$ -		\$ -		\$ -	3	\$ 26,772.00
New Haven YMCA Youth Center	7/1/1998	20	\$ 178,480.00		\$ -		\$ -		\$ -	20	\$ 178,480.00
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*Start Date indicates the month and year this site first received School Readiness funds.

TOTALS	712	\$ 6,353,888.00	-	165	\$ 990,000.00	-	38	\$ 171,000.00	0	\$ 0	-	915	\$ 7,514,888.00
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% of Full Day Spaces in Community 85%

VI. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

Please Answer All Questions -- Use Additional Pages if Necessary

1. Please state specific goals for this grant or the grant period.

The State Office of Early Childhood's goals for the School Readiness Grant are:

- Provide open access for children to quality programs that promote the health and safety of children and prepare them for formal schooling;
- Provide opportunities for parents to choose among affordable high-quality programs;
- Encourage coordination and cooperation among programs and prevent the duplication of services;
- Strengthen the family through encouragement of parental involvement in a child's development and education and enhancement of a family's abilities to meet the special needs of the children, including children with disabilities; and
- Improve the coordination of services of child care providers.

b. If this is a continuation grant, please detail past year goal performance and accomplishments. Use additional space if needed:

In FY23 New Haven School Readiness:

- Served 1,012 children in 31 preschool sites of 21 programs operated by the sub-grantees
- Continued to implement the School Readiness sliding fee scale for families. Created a policy to require all programs to utilize an education consultant on a monthly basis.
- Continued monthly meetings of all School Readiness sub-grantees, providing professional development and technical assistance on grant related topics, including sharing community resources and parent partnerships.
- Continued to require programs to: provide 2 parent teacher conferences per year with all families to discuss their child's developmental progress; engage families in family literacy activities; and support children's transition to kindergarten.
- Continued to provide on line professional development and support for programs' use of the State Early Learning Development Standards and the Documentation, Observations for Teaching System, the child assessment tool.

2. How does this grant address School Reform goals?

School Readiness provides additional opportunities for children ages 3-4 years to have a quality preschool experience where developmentally appropriate instruction offers children purposeful, hands-on experiences with materials and thoughtful interactions with adults and other children. These experiences will support children's learning, increase their skills and ready them for school success. Additionally, this state funded grant requires programs to involve parents in meaningful ways in their children's education, building the foundation of parent confidence and trust in the parent-teacher partnership based on mutual respect and interest in children's success

The State Office of Early Childhood (OEC) strongly encourages all School Readiness funded programs to implement curriculum and assessments based on the department's Early Learning Development Standards (ELDS) and the Documentation, Observations for Teaching System (DOTS). Professional development and on-site guidance in the use of the ELDS and DOTS to implement developmentally appropriate curriculum was provided throughout the year by SR education consultants.

3. **Please explain why this proposal is significant and important in relation to improving student and/or staff performance, as well as any additional pertinent information that is specific and relevant: (Include resume of person(s) providing service for contracts \$10,000 and over)**

Research has shown that children who have a quality preschool experience, especially children at-risk for poor educational outcomes, are better prepared for kindergarten and school success than their peers without this advantage.

In 1997 CT legislation (PA 97-259) established this grant in order to increase preschool opportunities for children ages 3&4 years old. The legislation requires a local council to advise and recommend to the Mayor and Superintendent programs and policies that will increase the district's ability to have children start school ready to learn. This year's grant will allow us to serve 915 children in 31 public and community-based programs throughout the city. All SR funded programs must attain NAEYC accreditation-the national standard for quality.

NOTE: The New Haven Early Childhood Council is required by State legislation to review all school readiness grant applications and to award funding to programs approved by the Office of Early Childhood and meet the State and Council's policies.

REQUIRED:

A COPY OF THE GRANT APPLICATION MUST BE ATTACHED TO THE ABSTRACT.

NOTE:

THE SCHOOL READINESS GRANT AND THE QUALITY ENHANCEMENT GRANT ARE SUBMITTED AS ONE APPLICATION, AS REQUIRED BY THE OFFICE OF EARLY CHILDHOOD.

THE GRANT APPLICATION IS SUBMITTED WITH BOTH ABSTRACTS.