

**ED** The Education Department (ED) awards planning and renewal grants to States (including the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, and the Outlying Areas) on a competitive basis.



**Planning Grants:** to support—statewide needs assessments; a strategic plan that identifies opportunities to coordinate programs and build partnerships, including among Head Start providers, LEAs, State, local, and Tribal government, and private entities; families’ knowledge and awareness of early childhood education options and involvement in their child’s development; the sharing of best practices among early childhood education programs; and improving the quality of programs in the State.



**eligibility:** States.



**priority applications:** States that have never received either a planning grant, or a grant for development or expansion under the program that existed prior to ESSA.



**duration of grant awards:** for a period of **not more than 1 year** and may be renewed.



**matching requirements:** each State must provide funds from non-Federal sources (either in cash or in kind) in an amount equal to **not less than 30 percent** of the amount of the grant for both planning grants and **renewal grants**.



## COMPETITIVE GRANT PROGRAM



**Renewal Grants:** to improve the overall quality of programs in the State and, through subgrants to programs in a mixed delivery system, expand access to such programs; and to develop new programs to address the needs of children and families eligible for, but not served by, existing programs.



**eligibility:** States that have received a planning grant and the grant period has concluded; or States that have received a grant for development or expansion under the program that existed prior to ESSA, and the grant period has concluded, and the Secretary allows the State to apply directly (and bypass a planning grant) and the State includes an updated needs assessment with its application.



**duration of grant awards:** for a period of **not more than 3 years** with no renewal.



**subgrant awards:** States may use renewal grant funds to award subgrants to programs in a mixed delivery system across the State designed to benefit low-income and disadvantaged children prior to entering kindergarten; however, in the first year, States may use **not more than 60 percent** of the grant funds available for subgrants; and in the second and third years, States may use **not more than 75 percent** of the grant funds available for subgrants. A State must prioritize activities to improve areas in which there are State-identified needs that would improve services for low-income and disadvantaged children living in rural areas.



**current funding**

**\$250 million**  
FY 2018

Preschool Development Grants are now funded through the Department of Health & Human Services (HHS), and jointly administered by ED and HHS



**purpose:** to coordinate early childhood education programs in a mixed delivery system of providers including schools, licensed child care centers, Head

Start, or other community-based organizations that will prepare low-income and disadvantaged children to enter kindergarten. Grants awarded will include a focus on expanding access to high-quality preschool for children from low- and moderate-income households.

### planning and transition:

the recipient of a grant award for development or expansion under the program that existed prior to ESSA may continue to receive funds in accordance with the terms of the prior award. The Secretaries of HHS and ED must take the steps necessary to ensure an orderly transition to, and implementation of, the program from the preschool development grants for development or expansion program that existed prior to ESSA.

