

Iowa Community Empowerment/Early Childhood Iowa Funding

EARLY CHILDHOOD GRANTS

The Iowa State Legislature appropriates state General Funds (prior to FY2014 these were federal Child Care Development Block Grant funds) for community grants to enhance the quality and capacity of child care through:

- Regular child care and provider recruitment,
 - Child care for mildly ill children,
 - 2nd and 3rd shift child care,
 - Provider training, and
 - Support for registration and licensure.
- ✓ Early Childhood Grants are awarded to all Early Childhood Iowa Areas via a formula. Beginning in FY '19, ECI begins a 4-year process to phase-in a new formula. The new formula is:
- o 5% of the appropriation is distributed equally among all 99 counties
 - o 35% of the appropriation is distributed based on the percent of the population in the ECIA that is age 0-5
 - o 60% of the appropriation is distributed based on the percent of the population in the ECIA that is age 0-5 and at or below 185% of the poverty level
- ✓ As FY 18 and previous years, the formula was based on the number of Family Investment Plan (FIP) cases per county
- ✓ Early Childhood Iowa Area administrative expenditures are limited to 5% of the Early Childhood Grant award
- ✓ October 2009 Across the Board Reduction of General Funds resulted in a decrease of \$500,000 to the CEA boards.
- ✓ Beginning in FY2014, the Iowa Legislature changed the source of the Early Childhood funds from federal Child Care Development Block Grant funds to state general funds. This change reduced the fiscal requirements that are associated with federal funds and local area boards felt were burdensome.

The funding history for the Early Childhood Grants:

FY 1999	\$1,610,076
FY 2000	\$3,737,649
FY 2001	\$6,283,632
FY 2002	\$6,283,632
FY 2003	\$6,279,725
FY 2004	\$7,261,647
FY 2005	\$7,259,000
FY 2006	\$7,250,000
FY 2007	\$7,246,000
FY 2008	\$7,250,000
FY2009	\$7,250,000
FY2010	\$6,750,000
FY2011	\$6,250,000
FY2012	\$6,246,000
FY2013	\$6,246,000
FY2014	\$6,245,000

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FY2015	\$6,300,000
FY 2016	\$6,300,000
FY 2017	\$6,300,000
FY 2018	\$5,800,000
FY 2019	\$5,790,000
FY 2020	\$5,790,000
FY 2021	\$5,790,000

SCHOOL READY GRANTS

The Iowa State Legislature appropriates General Funds (and Healthy Iowans Tobacco Trust (HITT) funds in 2002-2009) for community grants to support comprehensive services for children ages 0 through 5 including:

- Preschool support for low-income families
 - Family support and parent education
 - Quality improvements
 - Other early care, health and education services
- ✓ School Ready Grants are distributed via a formula. The formula is:
 - o 45% = 0-5 children at 185% of poverty
 - o 35% = 0-5 population
 - o 20% = Base
 - ✓ \$2,153,250 from Healthy Iowans Tobacco Trust in FY '04, '05, '06, '07, '08 and '09; and \$1,153,250 in FY 02 and FY 03.
 - ✓ In FY 18, through legislation, the spending categories for preschool and family support are rolled into the general aid category allowing for more flexibility at the local level
 - ✓ For FY18, \$2,229,368 shall be used for efforts to improve the quality of early care, health and education programs.
 - ✓ For FY 18, \$18,753,801 is appropriated for supporting family support and preschool support service and general aid..
 - ✓ Administrative expenditures are limited to 3% of the School Ready Grant award.
 - ✓ Funds are state dollars.

The funding history for School Ready Grants:

FY 1999	\$5,200,000
FY 2000	\$10,400,000
FY 2001	\$15,600,000
FY 2002	\$15,817,247
FY 2003	\$14,877,962
FY 2004	\$15,677,962 - 2.5% Across the Board Reduction of General Funds + a .25% Restoration = \$15,373,656.50
FY 2005	\$15,334,844
FY 2006	\$25,634,842
FY 2007	\$38,434,844
FY 2008	\$38,434,844
FY 2009	\$36,955,259 – December 2008 1.5% Across the Board Reduction of General Funds = \$524,135.60 to the CEA boards.
FY2010	\$29,138,307 – October 2009 10% Across the Board Reduction of General Funds resulted in a decrease of \$3,015,369 to the CEA boards.
FY2010	\$877,215 – At the close of the 2010 legislative session, SF2366 was signed into law making appropriations to backfill FY10 preschool support funds to the CEA boards.
FY2011	\$25,287,842
FY2012	\$21,999,794

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FY2013	\$21,999,794
FY2014	\$21,999,794
FY2015	\$21,999,794
FY 2016	\$21,999,794
FY 2017	\$21,999,794
FY 2017	\$21,174,801 - SF 130 reduced the funding level by 3.25% in the final quarter of the fiscal year resulting in a decrease of \$310,401 to ECI Boards.
FY 2018	\$20,983,196 – In FY 18 there was a reduction in funds in the amount of \$53,803. The reduction was absorbed by the ECI Office.
FY 2019	\$20,983,169
FY 2020	\$21,483,169
FY 2021	\$21,483,169