



ADMINISTRATION FOR
CHILDREN & FAMILIES

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Grant No. 05CH012299

Dear Head Start Grant Recipient:

Your funding application for the upcoming budget period must be submitted by April 1, 2026. The following table reflects the annual funding and enrollment levels available to apply for:

Period of Funding: 07/01/2026 - 08/31/2026

Annual Funding	Head Start	Early Head Start
Program Operations	\$5,405,152	\$8,658,865
Training and Technical Assistance	\$54,360	\$166,615
Total Funding		\$14,284,992

Enrollment Levels	Head Start	Early Head Start
Federal Funded Enrollment	318	426

Application Submission Requirements

The application must be prepared and submitted in accordance with the Head Start Grant Application Instructions with Guidance, Version 4.0 (Application Instructions) for a continuation application. It must be submitted on behalf of the Authorizing Official registered in HSES. Incomplete applications will not be processed.

Application Instructions are available on the homepage and in the 'Resources' section of HSES. Please review the instructions carefully prior to preparing the application.

Funding is contingent upon the availability of federal funds and satisfactory performance under the terms and conditions of the Head Start award. Annual funding levels are subject to change because of Congressional action or program performance and may result in additional funding guidance from the Office of Head Start.

One-time Program Improvement or Health and Safety Requests

Grant recipients encountering program improvement needs that cannot be supported by the agency budgets or other resources are invited to apply for one-time funding. This funding must be applied for separately through the Supplement or Supplement-Facilities 1303 amendment

type in HSES. Please select the appropriate amendment based on the description.

Requests generally include but are not limited to:

- Facility projects (construction, purchase, or major renovations requiring 1303 applications)
- Minor repairs and enhancements
- Playground installations or upgrades
- Funding to support transportation needs with investments in buses or other vehicles necessary to operate the program
- Security and surveillance investments to assure maximum safety of children

Requests are prioritized and funded based on funding availability and may require additional time before a final decision.

For questions regarding application instructions or program improvement needs and requests, please use HSES Correspondence. For assistance submitting the application in HSES, contact help@hsesinfo.org or 1-866-771-4737.

Thank you for your cooperation and timely submission of the grant application.

Sincerely,

Office of Head Start