

**Contracted Infant & Toddler Care Services
RFP No. PDGB5-1001**

Responses to Questions

- I. We have operated two infant-toddler centers over the past 16 years. We are in the process of relocating one of our centers so that we can increase our number of IT slots. Our hours of operation are 8-2. Would it be possible to apply for this funding in order to increase the number of hours of care?

Please note that priority will be to fund full-day, full-year infant/toddler classroom(s) and funding for extended care will be a secondary priority.

Yes, your agency can submit a proposal to cover the extended hours of care only (funding cannot be used to cover the 8-2 portion of care). With the current hours of operation of 8am to 2pm, the extended hours would be up to an additional 4 hours. Since the funded rate is \$2,120/child/month, potentially providing a 10-hours of care, the hourly rate would be \$212. For each child with extended care of 4 hours, the total amount per child per month rate your agency could request would be \$848/child/month (\$212/hr x 4 hours). If you have 8 children in one classroom for extended care, the total budget request would be as follows:

Scenario 1: If the 8am to 2pm hour of care operates from August to July, then your agency would potentially request up to **\$74,624** for the extended care. The total amount would change if the number of children is more or less than 8 children.

8 children x \$848 extended care rate/child/month x 11 months (September to July) = \$74,624.

Scenario 2: If the 8am to 2pm hour of care operates from August to May and the agency plans to provide a full-day care from June to July, then your agency would potentially request up to **\$94,976** for the extended care. The total amount would change if the number of children is more or less than 8 children.

8 children x \$848 extended care rate/child/month x 9 months (September to May) = \$61,056 +
8 children x \$2,120/child/month x 2 months (June and July) = \$33,920

2. In our proposal, would we request the amount of children served times the \$2,120 rate listed in the RFP?

The calculation for a total proposed amount would be using the similar formula above. For full-day, full-year care,

8 children x \$2,120/child/month x 11 months (September to July) = \$186,560. A full-day, full-year infant and toddler care could potentially request up to **\$186,560** per classroom. The total amount would change if the number of children is more or less than 8 children.

- When would the funding start? Would it be from this school year or August 2025?

If a proposal is selected for an award, the funding will start from September 1, 2024.

- We have 9 children in the group who are 2-years-old and haven't turned 3-years-old yet. Do we stop receiving funds once they turn 3-years-old?

No, they would still be considered a toddler until the school year ends or July 31, 2024. Since the award contract starts from September 2024, the calculation for the funding request for these 9 children is as follows:

9 children x \$2,120 (for center-based classroom) x 11 months = \$209,880 per classroom

9 children x \$1,830 (for home-based setting) x 11 months = \$181,170 per home setting

- Is there income qualification for what parent's income is?

For client eligibility, please refer to page 10 of the RFP. The families need to meet at least one of the 7 conditions: 1) the family's household income fall at or below 85% State Median Income (SMI), using the 2023 Federal Poverty Income Guidelines; 2) the family is eligible for, or would be potentially eligible for, public assistance (i.e., child care subsidy, Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF), Supplemental Security Income (SSI), Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), etc.); 3) children who qualify for services under Part C of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA); 4) immigrant and dual language learners; 5) children experiencing homelessness and/or living in unstable housing; 6) children in foster care; and 7) Native Hawaiian children.

For SMI, please use the Preschool Open Doors Income Eligibility criteria.

2024-2025 Monthly Gross Income Limit

Family Size	Gross Income Limits		Family Size	Gross Income Limits
1	\$4,193		5	\$10,103
2	\$5,670		6	\$11,580
3	\$7,148		7	\$13,058
4	\$8,625		8	\$14,535

- If I apply for 9 students and get funds for those 9 students, would we refund families for August and then no tuition for the rest of year?

Because the contract starts from September 2024, August tuition will not be covered and parents would have to pay for August. Tuition will be waived from September 2024 through July 2025.

7. My school is starting in August and some of my clients/children are receiving other funds (i.e., tuition scholarships), how would this work?

If families are receiving tuition scholarships and/or Child Care Connection subsidy assistance, then the PDG tuition assistance can only cover the family portion of the tuition. In the funding proposal, indicate the family portion amount per month for the total number of families who would need assistance in paying for their portion for the remaining 11 months (from September to July) of child care services.

8. Do you have a template to use for the cost proposal?

No, there is no specific template. For the cost proposal, indicate the number of classrooms, number of children per classroom, number of months x funding allocation amount (noted on page 15 of the RFP). If a child(ren) is receiving other tuition assistance, indicate this amount.

Please note:

- The selection committee will be looking at the quality of a proposal and not the lowest bid.
- Because this project is awarded with federal funds, the payment would be made on a reimbursement basis. However, Hawai'i P-20 will work with the selected applicant(s) to provide reasonable working capital in advance (which is offset in the final month).
- The project fiscal year and the program school year do not align. The project fiscal year starts December 31 and ends December 30 of the following year (see page 13 of the RFP). To the extent possible, we will work with the selected entities so that there is no break in services.

9. If our tuition is less than the funding allocation, do we request our tuition amount or the funding allocation amount?

Use the funding allocation amount (on page 15 of the RFP) because this project is to support the true cost of care of infant/toddler care.

10. Does it matter if a family is already receiving a child care subsidy or tuition assistance?

Please see response to question #7. Children in infant/toddler care do not qualify for Preschool Open Doors.

11. What about Early Head Start (EHS) programs?

If an entity has an EHS-Child Care Partnership contract with an EHS grantee, the entity - whether it's center-based or home-based - does not qualify for this project, since EHS funds cover full-day, full-year care. Also, this project and EHS are both federally funded.

However, if the EHS classroom is part-day care, it can request funds to cover the extended care. Please see response to question #1.