

Philadelphia Early Learning Instructional Excellence Initiative-*Curriculum Fund*

Project Overview

Public Health Management Corporation, with funding from the William Penn Foundation, seeks to address a critical element to instructional practice with the Philadelphia Early Learning Instructional Excellence Initiative (PELEI). PELEI's *Curriculum Fund* will provide child care facilities operating in Philadelphia with awards to support the purchasing and implementation of high quality, OCDEL approved curriculum. Providers and teachers will work with a Classroom Practices Facilitator to determine the supports needed for the successful implementation of the curriculum. Directors and teachers will be supported through facilitated Community of Practice meetings, individualized TA and classroom observations.

In addition to purchasing new curriculum, funding may be used to bridge gaps in current curriculum, purchasing supplemental curricula, cost of teacher training, and other pre-approved supports needed for full curriculum implementation.

Award amounts and duration

Final award amounts and number of recipients will be determined by agency size and demonstrated need. Funding will be used to support ongoing strategic planning and implementation of curricula during a 12 month engagement period with the Fund.

Participant Eligibility

- Keystone STAR 3 and 4 child care providers operating in Philadelphia
- STAR 2 facilities that meet specified requirements
- Non-profit or for-profit organization
- Currently serving at least 50% low-income (subsidy, waitlist subsidy, Head Start or Pre-K Counts) or other vulnerable populations (children with identified special needs, IEPs/IFSPs) or able to demonstrate a commitment to serving low-income and vulnerable families
- In good standing with DHS Certification and free of city, state and federal liabilities

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

- Grant funds to purchase, upgrade, or supplement current curriculum
- Classroom Practices Facilitator to support programs and ensure curriculum implementation
- Peer facilitated Community of Practice meetings for directors and teachers
- Funds to support teacher training and substitutes
- Participation in Fiscal Hub
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