

IC 12-17-13

Chapter 13. Grants to Preschool Programs

IC 12-17-13-1

"Applicant" defined

Sec. 1. As used in this chapter, "applicant" means an organization that applies to the division for a grant for either of the following purposes:

- (1) To establish and operate a preschool child care program.
- (2) To maintain an existing preschool child care program.

As added by P.L.2-1992, SEC.11.

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"Facility" defined

Sec. 2. As used in this chapter, "facility" means a school or other building in which a preschool child care program is operated.

As added by P.L.2-1992, SEC.11.

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"Preschool child care program" defined

Sec. 3. As used in this chapter, "preschool child care program" means a program operated by an organization that offers care to children who are:

- (1) less than six (6) years of age; and
- (2) not eligible to enroll in a public school.

As added by P.L.2-1992, SEC.11.

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Applications for federal and state funds

Sec. 4. The division may apply for federal and state money to assist applicants under this chapter.

As added by P.L.2-1992, SEC.11.

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Approval of grant; requisites

Sec. 5. The division may approve a grant to an applicant if the applicant demonstrates to the division that the applicant can do the following:

- (1) Provide a physical environment that is safe and appropriate to the various age levels of the children to be served.
- (2) Meet licensing standards required under IC 12-17.2 and IC 31-27.
- (3) If necessary, provide transportation to and from the facility operated by the applicant.
- (4) Provide program activities that are appropriate to the various age levels of the children to be served and that meet the developmental needs of each child.
- (5) Provide efficient and effective program administration.
- (6) Provide a staff that meets standards set by the division under this chapter.

(7) Provide for nutritional needs of children enrolled in the program.

(8) Provide emergency health services to children served by the program.

(9) Operate a preschool child care program in accordance with the cost and expense standards set by the division under this chapter.

As added by P.L.2-1992, SEC.11. Amended by P.L.20-1992, SEC.27 and P.L.81-1992, SEC.30; P.L.1-1993, SEC.140; P.L.145-2006, SEC.89.

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Agreements for low income family service and sliding scale fee schedules

Sec. 6. The division may not approve a grant to an applicant unless the applicant agrees to do both of the following:

(1) Serve children whose family income does not exceed one hundred fifty percent (150%) of the official poverty income guidelines established by the Office of Management and Budget, as revised periodically by the United States Secretary of Health and Human Services under 42 U.S.C. 9902(2) for use in community services block grant programs.

(2) Adopt fee schedules based upon a sliding scale set by the division under this chapter.

As added by P.L.2-1992, SEC.11.

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Necessity for application

Sec. 7. An applicant that desires to apply for a grant must apply to the division as prescribed by this chapter.

As added by P.L.2-1992, SEC.11.

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Reapplication in following fiscal year

Sec. 8. An applicant that receives a grant in a fiscal year and desires to receive a grant in the following fiscal year must reapply as prescribed by this chapter.

As added by P.L.2-1992, SEC.11.

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Administrative rules

Sec. 9. The director of the division may adopt rules under IC 4-22-2 to carry out this chapter, including rules specifying the following:

(1) Standards for the hiring of staff for a preschool child care program.

(2) Cost and expense standards for the establishment and operation of a preschool child care program within a school and within a facility other than a school.

(3) A sliding fee scale for use by preschool child care programs

that are operating under a grant under this chapter.

(4) Minimum staff to child ratios for a preschool child care program.

(5) Physical space requirements for a preschool child care program, including indoor and outdoor space.

(6) Nutrition requirements for a preschool child care program.

(7) Standards for the provision of emergency health services in a preschool child care program.

(8) Application guidelines and deadlines.

(9) A method for establishing priority of applicants.

As added by P.L.2-1992, SEC.11.