

# IDEA

## Preschool Emergency Grant

### Application Criteria:



IDEA Emergency funds are limited in both amount and scope. These funds will be granted only upon demonstration that the Public Education Agency (PEA/LEA) is in fiscal difficulty due to situations involving students who are eligible for special education services but whose enrollment was not anticipated during the normal budget planning process. The most common situation is the unexpected enrollment of a child with disabilities requiring service over and above those provided by the Public Education Agency. Other circumstances will be considered on a case by case basis.

This funding is for a single school year only and cannot be continued beyond the fiscal year for which funding is requested. All unexpended funds must be returned to the Arizona Department of Education.

The Emergency grant applications will be reviewed by the Early Childhood Special Ed Director and the Early childhood Fiscal Specialist for programmatic and financial content.

Students enrolling after an initial approved application may be added by the revision/amendment process.

### Application Restrictions:

- ✓ Grants will be funded on a case-by-case basis and will be reviewed by the Early Childhood committee on a per fiscal year basis, depending on the continued availability of funds.
- ✓ A LEA may not submit more than one Emergency application during the same fiscal year. However revisions/amendments may be submitted. Contact the ECE Unit – 602.364.1530 for additional guidance.

### Priorities in the use of funds:

Funds from this grant must be used to support unexpected costs in direct relation to a situation that was not accounted for in the current year budget. This will most likely be as a direct result of a student enrolling after the preparation and submittal of the LEA Annual Budget and IDEA entitlement grant application.



## Eligibility:



LEA has contacted their ECE Specialist to review the emergency situation and possible alternative solutions



Submitted the October 1, 2016 special education census count, or is serving eligible students.



Have applied for FY 2017 IDEA Preschool Grant.



Have expended or committed all other available funds



Have no other resources available

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Grant awards will not be made to LEA's that are out of compliance with State or federal requirements.

For more information: Early Childhood Education Unit  
602.364.1530