

**Duluth Public Schools Federal Head Start Continuation Grant
Fiscal Year 2024**

Funding Type	Federal Head Start
Program Operations	\$2,569,026
Training and Technical Assistance	\$28,958
Federal Funded Enrollment	224, asking to reduce to 190 as we convert 2 half day classes to full day classes.
Total Funding	\$2,597,984

This is year three of a five year grant cycle.

Broad Grant Goals remain:

- 1. High Quality Inclusion: Navigating Trauma**
 - a. Partnership with Early Childhood Special Education
- 2. Walking the Talk of Equity**
 - a. Oshki-Inwewin: A program that infuses curriculum with Ojibwe language and culture
 - b. Preschool Equity Team:
 - i. Sub Committee of Education Equity Advisory Committee
 - ii. Annual Book Studies for teachers with anti racism focus
- 3. Fostering Resilience with a Focus on Health and Wellness**
 - a. Nature Based Programming
 - b. YMCA Collaboration: Safety Around Water classes for 72 children annually; Family Day Passes for all Head Start families
 - c. Health and Wellness Focus for Families and Staff

Differences between this year and last year's Continuation Grant:

We will be asking to:

- **Conversion from Half Days to Full Days at two sites:**
 - Half Day sessions have been severely under enrolled at two sites.
 - Most families prefer full day sessions.
 - Moving to Full Day sessions enable more 4 year olds to access transportation to and from school
 - This results in an enrollment reduction of 34 spots. Reductions, if approved, do not result in decreased funding, rather an increase in the amount of funding we receive per child.
- **Due to increased funding received in 2018, two classrooms must serve children 1,020 hours.**
 - Two classroom teams need to have contract extensions allowing them to provide home visits to families prior to the start of school, and following the end of the school year.
 - This eliminates the possibility of moving to a 4 day week at any point in the future.

We ask that this grant application be approved.

Signature of School Board Chair

Signature of Policy Council Chair