

2012 – 2013 Denton ISD Head Start Grant
Prepared for the Board of Trustees Meeting
April 23, 2013

Purpose of Report

The purpose of this report is to inform the Governing Body for the AWSYC Head Start Program about the grant application that was recently submitted. The application for continued refunding must be prepared in accordance with the instructions in Information Memorandum ACYF-IM-HS-00-12, dated April 25, 2000. This information is available electronically at the following link: <http://eclkc.ohs.ad.hhs.gov/hslc>. As noted in the Information Memorandum, Head Start and Early Head Start grantees are required to submit a full application once every three years. In the other two years, grantees need only submit budget information, describe the progress they are making toward their community needs and objectives, and explain proposed significant changes to their programs. AWSYC is considered to be in year three of the application cycle and are required to complete an abbreviated application.

Board Goal

- I. Vision...**In pursuit of excellence the district will:
 - b. Develop and maintain a culture where learning remains our first priority.
 - e. Develop a budget focused on student and professional learning.
- II. Teaching & Learning...** In pursuit of excellence the district will:
 - h. Advocate and practice true accountability based on measurement of individual student progress over time, regardless of external mandates.
- III. Climate...**In pursuit of excellence, the district will:
 - c. Establish a high expectation level for success for all students, staff, parents, and community.
- VI. Growth, Change, and Fiscal Responsibility...**In pursuit of excellence the district will:
 - e. Demonstrate effective and efficient management of district resources.
 - f. Provide leadership and/or oversight to ensure District meets all fiscal, legal, and regulatory requirements.

History

Each Head Start Program is required to submit a grant annually. The Grant addresses all of the management systems and service areas that are part of every well-run Head Start program. The application must contain the proposed budget, budget justification and program narrative. Breakouts must be provided on the SF-424A, Budget Information - Non-Construction Programs, for the distribution of funds by object class categories. The proposed budget must support all program costs, both direct and, if appropriate, indirect costs. In Section B of the SF-424A, use a separate column to reflect the amounts by object class categories for operations and training and technical assistance (T/TA) funds for Head Start and/or Early Head Start. Section 4, Forecasted Cash Needs, of the SF-424A, should accurately reflect the funds needed for each quarter of the year based on the expected outlays and timing of operational expenditures. A separate SF-424A must be submitted for each delegate agency.

Objectives

The full and abbreviated applications must provide, as part of the goals and objectives of the program, a description of program goals for improving the school readiness of children. School readiness goals, as defined in 45 C.F.R. §1307.2, effective December 9, 2011, articulate the expectations of children's status and progress across domains of language and literacy development, cognition and general knowledge, approaches to learning, physical well-being and motor development, and social and emotional development that will improve their readiness for kindergarten. The application should contain a description of the following:

- The program's goals and your progress in aligning the goals with the Head Start Child Development and Early Learning Framework, State early learning guidelines, and the requirements and expectations of the schools, to the extent they apply to the ages of children, birth to five, participating in the program.

- The child assessment system which will be used by your program to collect information about children's development in combination with parents and families and how the program uses or plans to use that information to individualize instruction and learning.
- The key findings from aggregating the child assessment data, how that information helped you identify patterns of progress and areas where improvement is required, and how progress toward meeting your school readiness goals is shared with parents and the community.

Appendix

The AWSYC 2013 Head Start Grant is attached. It was presented and approved by Policy Council on March 1, 2013. The Head Start Grant was completed in consultation and participation of the policy groups and, as appropriate, other community members, grantee and delegate agencies.