

Comprehensive Early Learning Services (CELS) 2023 RFA Timeline & Checklist

Request for Application (RFA) for Fiscal Year 24 (2023-24 school year)

DCYF ECEAP developed an updated RFA process by combining ECEAP, B-3 ECEAP and ECLIPSE into one concurrent process. Applicants can apply for all three types of funding, one of the three, or any combination in one process. New applicants are able to apply for B-3 ECEAP and ECEAP funding, while ECLIPSE funding is available for current ECEAP contractors only. This process is now known as, the Comprehensive Early Learning Services (CELS) RFA.



Please note this checklist is for Applicants use only and is not required to be submitted.

Step 1: Initial Application Period (open November 28 – January 20)

- Submit Initial CELS Application Survey
- Start conversations with neighboring organizations for Exhibit C

Step 2: Application Processing (January 23 – February 3)

DCYF will analyze all Initial Applications to verify minimum qualifications met and send the applicable Services Application materials to each applicant based on what they submitted. *Applicants will not submit anything during this period.*

Step 3: Services Application (open February 6 – March 20)

Applicants will complete:

- Exhibit A: ECEAP and B-3 Services
- Exhibit B: Letters of Support and Collaboration (new applicants only)
- Exhibit C: Neighboring Organizations



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- Exhibit D: Budget (new applicants only)
- Exhibit E: ECLIPSE Services (if applicable)
- Exhibit F: Certifications and Assurances

Questions?

Please direct any questions you have about the RFA process to dcyf.eceap@dcyf.wa.gov.