

Saint Louis MHB Early Childhood Funding Opportunities for FY 2026 – 2028 (July 1, 2025 – June 30, 2028) Winter/Spring 2025 Application Process			
Request for Proposal	Social Emotional Development for Children	Professional Development for Childcare Providers Partnership	Mental Health Education for Parents/Caregivers Partnership
Available Funding \$	Up to \$1,500,000 per year over 3-year funding cycle	Up to \$750,000 per year over 3-year funding cycle	Up to \$500,000 per year over 3-year funding cycle (<i>\$425,000 childcare provider support and up to \$75,000 for partnership coordinating organization to cover direct and/or indirect expenses</i>)
Average Funding Award \$	Average funding award in the most recently completed cycle was \$190,000 per year	Not applicable	Not applicable
Anticipated Number of Grants to be Awarded	8 - 10	1	1
Number of applications that can be submitted	One (1) per applicant organization	One (1) per applicant organization	One (1) per applicant organization
Submission Deadline	11:59 PM, February 27, 2025	11:59 PM, March 13, 2025	11:59 PM, March 13, 2025
Who can apply?	501(c)3 nonprofit organizations, organizations with a nonprofit fiscal sponsor, or a unit of local government	Lead applicant must be a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization or nonprofit fiscal sponsor that will partner with at least 3 other organizations to provide professional development support to childcare providers	Lead applicant must be a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization, nonprofit fiscal sponsor, or unit of local government with relevant experience coordinating a partnership and ability to manage and distribute funding to childcare providers
Population of Focus (<i>also known as Target Population</i>)	St. Louis City children ages birth through 5 and their parents / caregivers	Project must have a clearly defined participant population and include childcare providers who provide daily care to children birth through age 5 in settings such as centers, family childcare homes or group homes	Parents/caregivers with children birth – age 5 in childcare that are residents of the City of St. Louis. Note: Recipients of the childcare provider incentive payments must meet MHB eligibility requirements specified on Attachment A of the application.
Goal	<i>Increase access to behavioral health prevention and early intervention programs and services that support social / emotional development for city children from birth through age 5</i>	<i>Increase caregiver social emotional knowledge, tools, and resources</i>	<i>Increase family access to community resources, referrals, and support</i>
Tax Fund	Prop R – Community Children’s Services – Early Childhood Fund	Prop R – Community Children’s Services – Early Childhood Fund	Prop R – Community Children’s Services – Early Childhood Fund
Applicable Community Children’s Services Fund Statute	Prevention programs which promote healthy lifestyles among children and youth and strengthen families	Prevention programs which promote healthy lifestyles among children and youth and strengthen families	Prevention programs which promote healthy lifestyles among children and youth and strengthen families
RFP Purpose	MHB seeks to support high quality early childhood prevention and early intervention programs and services that focus on ensuring city children birth through age 5 are socially and emotionally healthy and ready for kindergarten. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Social Development refers to a child's ability to create and sustain meaningful relationships with adults and other children. Emotional Development refers to a child's ability to express, recognize, and manage their own emotions as well as respond appropriately to others' emotions. 	MHB seeks to support early childhood professionals in building the skills necessary to support children’s social emotional health and effectively address challenging behaviors. The purpose of the Early Childhood Professional Development Partnership is to design and implement a comprehensive set of trainings, workshops, coaching, and technical assistance experiences for childcare providers who provide daily care to children birth through age five in settings such as centers, family childcare homes or group homes. Professional development opportunities may also include planned participation in conferences. The professional development program must assist childcare providers and/or childcare programs in achieving one of the following goals: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Acquiring certifications such as a Child Development Associate Improving quality of care (classroom environment, trauma informed practices, etc.) Becoming a Professional Development Specialist Becoming a Certified Trainer in evidence-based Early Childhood Curricula Achieving Missouri Accreditation or National Association for the Education of Young Children Accreditation 	MHB seeks to support the parents/caregivers that play a critical role in meeting the basic needs of families, teaching life skills and providing supportive safe and nurturing environments in the early years of children’s brain development. This funding opportunity was created to provide parents and families with informational tools that will reduce stress, improve parenting skills, enhance well-being and provide support toward navigating the responsibilities of parenting effectively. MHB is seeking a nonprofit organizational partner to coordinate the Mental Health Education for Parents/Caregivers Partnership and conduct the following activities: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Select and childcare provider partners and support their participation Facilitate mental health education for parents/caregivers served by qualifying childcare provider partners
Required Application Materials	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Most recent IRS Form 990 (Organizations with revenue greater than \$750,000 per year must also submit their most recently completed audited financial statements) Certificate of Corporate Good Standing from Missouri Secretary of State Proof on Nonprofit Status (IRS Determination Letter) <i>Please note this is not the Missouri Sales Tax Exemption Letter</i> Early Childhood Logic Model and Evaluation Plan Early Childhood Budget 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Most recent IRS Form 990 (Organizations with revenue greater than \$750,000 per year must also submit their most recently completed audited financial statements) Certificate of Corporate Good Standing from Missouri Secretary of State Proof on Nonprofit Status (IRS Determination Letter) <i>Please note this is not the Missouri Sales Tax Exemption Letter</i> Early Childhood Professional Development Logic Model and Evaluation Plan Early Childhood Budget Memorandum of Agreement with roles and responsibilities of each key partner signed by authorized organization representatives 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Most recently filed IRS Form 990. (Organizations with annual revenue greater than \$750,000 per year must also submit their most recently completed audited financial statements) Certificate of Corporate Good Standing from the Missouri Secretary of State Proof of Nonprofit Status (IRS Determination Letter—<i>Please note this is not the Missouri Sales Tax Exemption Letter</i>) Early Childhood Budget
How to submit application	Applications will only be accepted when submitted using MHB’s Grant Portal found on its website www.stlmhb.org	Applications will only be accepted when submitted using MHB’s Grant Portal found on its website www.stlmhb.org	Applications will only be accepted when submitted using MHB’s Grant Portal found on its website www.stlmhb.org