**Request for Applications for ESSER Pre-K Funds**

**Amendment Number One**

**Recipient Questions and Answers**

**October 14, 2021**

1. **May I use the activity funds on an outdoor classroom?**

*Yes. These links provide professional development sessions on how to create outdoor classrooms.*

[Rethinking Outdoor Play 1.5 hours](https://mdek12.org/sites/default/files/Offices/MDE/OAE/OPD/Save%20the%20Date-Rethinking%20Outdoor%20Play-20210927_091057-Meeting%20Recording.mp4)

[Virtual Tips Outdoor Centers & Family Resources 2021](Virtual%20Tips,%20Outdoor%20Centers,%20and%20Family%20Resources%20Presentation%2007.19.2021.mp4)

1. **Can funds be used to purchase outdoor play equipment/materials specific to the Pre-K age category that receive OT services or have sensory issues?**

*Yes, if the purpose is to serve special populations of children in this age group.*

1. **Do you accept proposals from companies that provide teletherapy or mental health services?**

*Only public schools are eligible for this funding.*

1. **Can these funds be used for teacher salaries if we are planning an after-school program, or can it be used to help cover current teacher salaries at the Pre-K?**

*If the preschool provides activities focused specifically on addressing the unique needs of low-income children or students, children with disabilities, English learners, racial and ethnic minorities, students experiencing homelessness, and foster care youth, then yes, these funds can be used for teacher salaries.*

1. **Our district has a blended Pre-K classroom grant. Can the district apply for the ESSER II Pre-K grant?**

*Yes*

1. **Can you please clarify if Form A of the budget is indeed the application, and there is no need for an additional narrative section as indicated on page 11?**

*Applications shall be submitted as described below with section components clearly distinguished as follows:*

1. Signed Cover Page (Form 1) - *Required Signature(s)*
2. Signed Assurances (Form 2) - *Required Signature(s)*
3. Signed Standard Terms and Conditions (Form 3) - *Required Signature*
4. Signed Conflict of Interest (Form 4) - *Required Signature*
5. Signed Acknowledgement of Amendments (Form 5) - *Required Signature*
6. Verification of the registration of the active DUNS must be submitted with the application (e.g., [www.sam.gov](http://www.sam.gov) correspondence indicating the status and expiration date, DUNS and Bradstreet letter, etc.) (Form 6)
7. Application (Form A)
8. Budget Forms B & C – Complete
9. **What does classroom equipment entail?**

*Equipment could include educational technology hardware, assistive technology, or adaptive equipment.*

**NOTE: This amendment is hereby made a part of the Mississippi Department of Education’s Request for Applications for ESSER Pre-K Funds. This document must be signed and returned with your response to the RFA to acknowledge that you received the amendment and that you have accounted for it in your response to the Request for Applications.**

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