

**Early Start CT Questions and Answers – November 22, 2024**

Question	Response
Programs that are waiting on expansion funding, do they include those numbers or not?	Final approvals have not yet been determined for new space requests. The new spaces are not included the Early Start CT RFA (A) baseline funding application. More information on new space requests will be provided soon.
Can SR liaisons get a copy of the application and funding amounts for each site?	Copies of the application are not available. We suggest that screen shots are captured for your records. Each program that received an application may elect to share their funding allocation but are not required to.
Do we have an anticipated date for the RFA to release?	RFA (A) was released on 11/19/24 and we anticipate the competitive RFA (B) will be released in the coming weeks.
How will liaisons be paid, and what is the amount allocated for them?	The Local Governance Partner process is not part of the Early Start CT RFA and will be communicated at a later date.
Will providers with multiple sites in multiple towns need to apply once as a provider or multiple times with each town?	Programs will need to apply for each individual site that received an Early Start CT RFA application.
Will the LGP's consist of the same membership requirements as SRC?	The Local Governance Partner process is not part of the Early Start CT RFA and will be communicated at a later date.
If there are extenuating circumstances to low utilization calculations will OEC reconsider baseline allocation amounts?	<p>Allocations are based on ECE Reporter utilization for the past 2 years. Programs seeking additional spaces may apply in the competitive RFA (B) process.</p> <p>For more information on how your baseline funding was calculated visit: <a href="https://www.ctoec.org/calculate-baseline-funding/">https://www.ctoec.org/calculate-baseline-funding/</a></p>
My application shows that we are CHEFA funded but the check box for having a loan is not selected at the bottom.	When the RFA A application was first released there was a minor glitch causing the CHEFA funded box to not be selected for appropriate programs. This has since been fixed and all CHEFA funded sites will have this box automatically checked. If there are any errors in the prepopulated information, please indicate in the notes section and hit save. The notes will be sent to OEC once the application is submitted.
My program is a CHEFA funded site, how was my baseline funding calculated?	CHEFA funded sites have state-funded spaces that are legislatively protected as detailed in their individual CHEFA commitment letters. The OEC calculated the value of the state-funded spaces in each program's commitment letter. CHEFA funded sites are eligible to apply for their baseline funding amount as calculated using prior utilization or the value of their state-funded spaces as detailed in their CHEFA commitment letter if that value is greater. Please note, the number of state-

	funded spaces in the CHEFA commitment letter may be less than the number of state-funded spaces currently allocated to a site.
How were the allocations determined for the RFA baseline funding?	For more information on how your baseline funding was calculated visit: <a href="https://www.ctoec.org/calculate-baseline-funding">https://www.ctoec.org/calculate-baseline-funding</a>
Can intermediaries for Family Child Care Providers share the application and information session details with the Family Child Care providers?	Yes. This information may be shared with subcontractors.
What if a program wants to keep their subcontractor/grantee relationship?	If a program would like to continue their subcontractor/grantee relationship with their contractor/fiduciary, both entities must agree.
What does the process look like for the contractor?	The program should indicate on their RFA application that it is supported by a fiduciary/contractor, and that they would like to continue this relationship with the current contractor. More information will be communicated regarding this process.
Can a contractor be changed during the term of the contract?	No. Once a contract is fully executed, the contractor may not be changed.
Why is my RFA allocation less than my current funding amount?	<p>Allocations were based on ECE Reporter utilization for the past 2 years. Programs seeking additional spaces can apply during the competitive RFA (B).</p> <p>For more information on how your baseline funding was calculated visit: <a href="https://www.ctoec.org/calculate-baseline-funding/">https://www.ctoec.org/calculate-baseline-funding/</a></p>
<p>How were the RFA baseline applications distributed?</p> <p>What should I do if I have not received the RFA (A) baseline application email?</p>	<p>Applications were sent to the email the OEC had on file for all currently funded programs on 11/19/24. To ensure the most current email is on file please update your program contacts <a href="https://www.ctoec.org/state-funded-programs/contact-list-updates/">https://www.ctoec.org/state-funded-programs/contact-list-updates/</a></p> <p>If you did not receive the RFA A application email, please send an email to <a href="mailto:oc.app.eceqi@ct.gov">oc.app.eceqi@ct.gov</a></p>
How do I select the correct space type for my program?	Space types are based on hours of early care and education available to families. Please reference the space type table within the RFA application to select the space type that best meets the needs of your families and program licensed capacity.
What if I received an RFA (A) baseline application for one of my sites but not my additional sites?	If you did not receive the RFA (A) application email, please send an email to <a href="mailto:oc.app.eceqi@ct.gov">oc.app.eceqi@ct.gov</a>

What if my program has state Head Start funding?	Programs that receive State Head Start funding will have an additional tab on the RFA application specific to State Head Start funding.
Can I make edits to my application once it is submitted?	You can edit the application and save it, but once it is submitted you cannot make any additional edits.
There is no Head Start option for full day summer months for HS kids who need full day summer.	The State Head Start space types are pursuant the Early Start CT legislation, which can be found here: <a href="https://www.cga.ct.gov/2024/ACT/PA/PDF/2024PA-00078-R00SB-00014-PA.PDF">https://www.cga.ct.gov/2024/ACT/PA/PDF/2024PA-00078-R00SB-00014-PA.PDF</a>
What if I want to add a new space type?	Programs can select the space types within their baseline allocation that best meet the needs of their program and family needs, and licensed capacity.
Is there an Excel document available to download for providers to do their preliminary calculations for the RFA?	There is no Excel document for calculations. Each application calculates allocations automatically based on the number of spaces requested.
Can there be a definition page for the “Space Type/Care Level”?	The space definitions are located in the space type chart within the application.
Why are the Part Day Spaces reimbursed at a rate less than \$4,500 per child.	Early Start CT legislation ( <a href="https://www.cga.ct.gov/2024/ACT/PA/PDF/2024PA-00078-R00SB-00014-PA.PDF">https://www.cga.ct.gov/2024/ACT/PA/PDF/2024PA-00078-R00SB-00014-PA.PDF</a> ) dictates that the OEC aligns state funded programs to the Care 4 Kids system.
How do programs decide which spaces to apply for in RFA (A) and then in the competitive RFA (B)?	This current application for RFA (A) is for baseline funding. The RFA (B) will be a competitive application process and more information will follow upon its release.
How were the program baseline amounts in the allocation calculated?	The amount that is in the application is the amount programs are eligible to apply for. For more information on how your baseline funding was calculated visit: <a href="https://www.ctoec.org/calculate-baseline-funding/">https://www.ctoec.org/calculate-baseline-funding/</a>