Remote Learning Grant Opportunity

Pre-Application Webinar - September 26, 2020

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Options for Parents

- To re-enter or continue to participate in the workforce, parents rely on other trusted adults to help supervise and teach their school-age children.

- The COVID-19 pandemic presents a cascading set of challenges for working parents of school-age children and their employers.

- Parents face choices about either providing financially for their family or ensuring unanticipated needs of their school-age children are met when schools are in the hybrid/remote learning modes.
WHY REMOTE LEARNING SUPPORT?

Resources for School-Age Care Providers

- Providers need extra support to provide safe spaces and internet access for Kansas children to learn when schools are in hybrid/remote learning modes.
- Public health and safety measures result in both monetary costs and operational challenges.
  - Recruiting and retaining staff demands more time and attention.
  - Resources are needed to support quick expansion of programs to accommodate school-age children and best serve the needs of families and employers in their communities.

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General Overview of Kansas’ CARES Act relief:

- Federal Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES or CRF)
- Support State, Local, and Tribal governments navigate the impact of COVID-19.
  - Phase 1 – Support to Kansas Counties (relief decisions made at local levels)
  - Phase 2 – State Agency-led Initiatives (Commerce, KDHE, etc. – statewide relief)
  - Phase 3 – Focus on Public Health, Essential Needs & Services, Business Resiliency and Workforce Supports
- **Business Resiliency & workforce support** – ensure Kansas families can balance remote learning & school day safety of their children with employment obligations

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Funding Goals:

- Address the urgent need to give families options when schools are in hybrid/remote learning modes.
- Ensure school-age children are in safe, secure settings during the school day.
- Ensure school-age children can access the internet to attend school.
- Provide learning supports for school-age children when schools are in hybrid/remote learning modes.

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Funding Logistics
- $40 million approved for this program
- Single grant awards with weekly fulfillment payments issued based on budgeted personnel and operational needs, and enrollment figures.
- Budget requests can be retroactive for 2020-2021 school year if program is already operating and serving schools in hybrid/remote learning modes.

Timeline
- Wednesday, September 30th – Application OPENS with a rolling deadline
- December 30, 2020 – All funds must be spent

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Eligibility – School Age, School Day Programs

- KDHE-licensed early care and youth programs/facilities serving school-age children during the school day.

- Local programs with demonstrated experience and success developing and delivering quality, safe, out-of-home care and education services/programs for school-age children, such as YMCAs, Boys and Girls Clubs, Parks and Recreation, 21st CCLCs, and faith-based organizations.

- Other community programs may be considered that demonstrate the capacity and ability to establish or expand programs for school-age children.

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Eligibility – Demonstrated Need and Partnerships

- Serve school-age children (during the school day) in grades K – 6th when their schools are in remote/hybrid learning modes.
- Partner with your area school districts to understand the local need (learning environment changes, ages of kids and days of the week for hybrid situations, technology supports available).
- Identify partners in your community for a coordinated approach to either establish or expand quality, safe services/programs/facilities for school-age children.

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Considerations

- Address the needs of families who have limited options for meeting their child’s remote learning needs along with their own personal employment obligations.

- Ensure services to families with limited or no ability to pay.

- Navigate potential staffing fluctuations as learning environments change.

- Provide plan for assisting school-age children in grades K – 6th connect via internet with their regular classes and complete their coursework during the school day.

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REMOTE LEARNING GRANTS – APPLICATION

- Scope of Work
- Program Information, Verification, and Ownership
- Description of Need
- Current Program Capacity and Proposed Program Capacity
- Environment and Facility Details
- Operations (Schedule, Ratios, Staffing Plans, Technology)
- School Districts and Counties Served
- Enrollment (sliding scale if applicable) and Outreach
- Budget (template)

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REMOTE LEARNING GRANTS – APPLICATION

- https://allinforkansaskids.org
- Online Application (using Kansas CommonApp Pilot)
- Create Login/Password and a User Profile
- Select “CARES Act Applications” and “Remote Learning Grant”
- Save and Stop anytime
- Online Application Tour

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REMOTE LEARNING GRANTS – TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

Pre-Submission Goals:
- Support you in understanding purpose/intent of the Remote Learning fund
- Support you in thinking through ideas for how you might support remote learning programming
- Support you in understanding and navigating the online application

Post-Award Goals:
- Support for ongoing reports and financial draws
- Webinars and resources for programming, staffing, partnerships, and family engagement.

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Technical Assistance – Access and Availability:

- Webinar recording and slide-deck available starting September 28th.
- Request by email (TBD) starting October 1st.
- Technical Assistance team will respond by email within 24 hours, with follow-up phone calls as needed.
- FAQs will be available, which will be updated based on feedback to ensure shared learning.

Website and Online Application Resources

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REMOTE LEARNING GRANTS - KEY DATES

- September 29th – Remote Learning Grant and Child Care Resource Webinar
- September 30th – Application Opens
- October 1st – Technical Assistance Opens
- Rolling Deadline for Applications
- December 30th – ALL funds must be spent

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Thank you!

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