

2019 Quality Improvement Alumni Grant Application Cover Page

Name of Team/County at the Summit: Simpson County

Facility: Franklin Elementary School

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County: Simpson License or Certification Number of Facility: 535 020

Amount Requested: \$10,000.00 Total Cost of Project: \$10,000.00

Please choose which Funding Category meets the needs of your program (You may choose up to 5):

☐ Professional Development

☒ Curriculum, Screening & Assessment

☒ Family & Community Engagement

☒ Classroom & Instructional Quality

☐ Other

Criteria for Determination of Awards

Section	Requirements	Points
Early Care and Education Program Need and Vision	List the needs of your program using the funding categories above. Share your vision of what you hope to achieve in each of the five categories for which you chose to apply.	15
Action Plan	Explain how you will use funds in correlation with chosen categories to increase School Readiness in children in a sustainable way.	50
Budget	Itemization of funds. Please show matching funds and in-kind donations.	15
Budget Justification	Justification of grant fund usage.	20

September 22, 2019

The Governor's Office of Early Childhood
Attn: Holly LaFavers
125 Holmes Street, Third Floor
Frankfort, KY 40601

Ms. LaFavers,

Franklin Elementary School would like to apply for the 2019 Early Care and Education Provider Quality Improvement Alumni Grant. A grant award to Franklin Elementary will allow our Early Childhood program to enhance multiple aspects of the program.

Early Care and Education Program Need and Vision

Franklin Elementary brings together three early care programs to provide academic, social and physical education to almost two hundred pre-Kindergarten students each year. FES actively looks for students and finds programs that fit with the needs of each student who crosses through our doors. Our goal is for every future Franklin Simpson student to have the ability to engage in a pre-Kindergarten program. This means that Franklin Elementary must not only continue to promote Early Childhood programs in the community, but also provide the needed supports to teachers and students on a continual basis.

The areas of need for Franklin Elementary are in the following areas:

1. Curriculum, Screening and Assessment
 - Teacher training for the Creative Curriculum.
2. Family and Community Engagement
 - Print Materials for distribution to families
 - Print Materials for distribution to Early Care providers.
 - Kindergarten Readiness Events for Families
 - Kindergarten Readiness Outreach Events/Materials
3. Classroom and Instructional Quality.
 - Adaptive swing for Early Childhood playground
 - Balance beam for Early Childhood playground
 - Zoo-phonics support materials for alphabet instruction

In the area of Curriculum, Screening and Assessment FES would like to be able to provide the IECE teachers training on the Creative curriculum, new to FES this year. There is a need for teachers to be able to use resources to the highest possible effectiveness.

FES works to engage families and the community to build strong partnerships around our available early childhood programs. The programs housed inside Franklin Elementary reaches approximately half of the incoming Kindergarten students each year, however, we are working to partner with other early care providers to help them engage in Kindergarten Readiness activities. Franklin Elementary has a very limited budget to provide the resources and connections to our Early Care partners in Simpson County.

Finally, our classroom has limited funding to provide all the resources to provide the supports and experiences necessary for all pre-Kindergarten students at FES. The teachers were recently trained in Zoo-phonics, an alphabet and phonics curriculum, but were not able to purchase any items to completely implement the curriculum. Playground experiences are very important in early childhood as well. An adaptive swing is a must for our program as we tend to have numerous children each year that require a more sophisticated swing than is traditional. Our children would also benefit from the replacement of a balance beam that was removed for safety reasons.

Thank you for allowing Franklin Elementary to submit this request for the Early Care and Education Provider Quality Improvement Grant.

Sincerely,



Rachel Wright

Principal, Franklin Elementary School

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Grant Budget

Cost Category:

1. Curriculum, Screening and Assessment:	
Creative Curriculum Training Cost	3500.00
2. Family & Community Engagement:	
Print Materials for Simpson County pre-Kindergarten families	800.00
Print Materials for Simpson County Early Care providers.	300.00
Kindergarten Readiness Events for Families	2250.00
Kindergarten Readiness Outreach Events/Materials	1500.00
3. Classroom & Instructional Quality:	
Adaptive Swing for Early Childhood Playground	600.00
Balance Beam for Early Childhood Playground	400.00
Zoo-phonics Support Materials for alphabet instruction	650.00
Total Grant Request Amount	\$10,000.00
Franklin Elementary contributions:	
Purchase of Creative Curriculum	7,500.00
Purchase of New Playground Equipment	8,000.00
Zoo-phonics Training for Preschool	1,000.00
Franklin Elementary Family Recruitment Specialist Salary	6,000.00

Budget Justification:

The developed budget provides the known costs for the training as quoted to Franklin Elementary when they purchased the curriculum materials. Additionally, we will reach roughly 400 pre-Kindergarten families (from all Early Care agencies) and multiple Early Care center directors with the print materials and family events. Finally, there are resources that would benefit students at Franklin Elementary to prepare for their Kindergarten in their classrooms.