



## New Mexico Early Childhood Education and Care Department

**Notice of Funding Opportunity:** New Mexico PreK

**Fiscal Year:** 2026

**Funding Availability:** Pending appropriation

### BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE

The New Mexico Early Childhood Education and Care Department (ECECD) administers the New Mexico Prekindergarten (NM PreK) program, a high-quality program that is available to all families residing in New Mexico with eligible 3- and 4-year-old children, regardless of income. The NM PreK program provides voluntary, quality PreK to support children's development and school readiness. PreK program funding is awarded to eligible providers, including tribal, licensed childcare centers, licensed childcare homes, Head Start, school districts, and/or charter schools through this competitive grant opportunity. ECECD monitors the eligible providers granted awards for compliance with the [New Mexico PreK Standards](#).

Pursuant to *NMSA 1978, § 9-29-8(B)*, ECECD is mandated to "coordinate and align an early childhood education and care system to: (1) include childcare, pre-kindergarten, early pre-kindergarten, home visitation, Early Head Start, Head Start, early childhood special education and early intervention and family support; **and** (2) provide New Mexico families with consistent access to appropriate care and education services."

The NM PreK program is a key part of the state's early childhood education and care system, providing high-quality, voluntary PreK experiences to preschool-aged children regardless of income. **ECECD is seeking applications from eligible providers to renew, expand, or create new PreK slots and classrooms statewide, especially in areas of the state where there is a lack of high-quality PreK for children and families.**

ECECD awards PreK Grants for up to four years contingent upon available funding and the grantees continued compliance with the NM PreK standards. If an eligible applicant applies for and is awarded an expansion grant, its existing award will be amended, and the expansion will have the same terms as the eligible applicant's existing award.

This Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) outlines requirements for the Fiscal Year 2026 (FY26) NM PreK Application. All eligible applicants must complete the online application accessible via the New Mexico PreK Application portal at: <https://www.nmececd.org/prekgrant/>.

All applications are due by **3 p.m. Friday, February 14, 2025**. Only completed applications submitted by the deadline with all requested attachments will be considered by ECECD for funding in FY26. The online application is available via the ECECD website at <https://www.nmececd.org/prekgrant/>. The application is accessible in English and in Spanish. **Applications will only be accepted online.**

Please email questions about this Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) or application to: [ECECD-PreKGrant@ececd.nm.gov](mailto:ECECD-PreKGrant@ececd.nm.gov)

### **LATE OR INCOMPLETE APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED, REVIEWED OR CONSIDERED FOR FUNDING**

ECECD will prioritize funding NM PreK applications based on the following categories and saturation. "Saturation" refers to the ratio of Head Start and New Mexico PreK slots available within the geographic boundaries of a school district compared to the number of 3- and 4-year-old children residing in that school district. For example, a school district geographic boundary with 100 eligible children residing in the school district geographic boundary and 80 funded PreK slots for 4-year-olds (NM PreK and Head Start combined) would have an 80 percent saturation rate for 4-year-olds. Saturation rates are calculated for both 3- and 4-year-olds.

ECECD will consider all applications for funding and awards will be made based on the following criteria and contingent upon available funding. ECECD may adjust the number of slots awarded based on funding availability, saturation, mixed delivery, diversity, geographic needs, existing NM PreK providers in good standing and other considerations:

- Applications will be categorized by the school district area from the highest scoring application to the lowest scoring application. Applications for each district will be considered by score. Additionally, the following considerations may inform awards regardless of score:
  - Program type
  - Saturation rates by age group
  - Location of program
  - Mixed delivery system
  - Status of Existing NM PreK Provider (Corrective Action Plan/Conditions of Operation)
  - Geographic proximity to an existing NM PreK program

The highest scoring applications within each school district geographic boundary will be selected for funding until saturation capacity has been met based on descending order of application scores or funding is exhausted.

- **Priority 1:** NM School district areas with saturation rates of 75% or less for 4-year-old children
- **Priority 2:** NM School district areas with saturation rates of 50% or less for 3-year-old children
- **Priority 3:** NM School district areas with saturation rates between 100% and 76% for 4-year-old children
- **Priority 4:** NM School district areas with saturation rates between 80% and 51% for 3-year-old children
- All other applications.

ECECD will make every effort to adhere to the timeline outlined in Section IV of this Notice of Funding Opportunity. These dates are subject to change at the discretion of ECECD. Scheduled dates may be extended but ECECD will not shorten any timeline.

**Section I - ELIGIBILITY**

Eligible applicants for the FY26 NM PreK Grant include the following:

- A Local Education Agency (LEAs) or state charter school.
- Child Care (center and home-based) programs currently licensed by ECECD pursuant to 8.9.4 NMAC.
- A Tribal early childhood education program.
- A Head Start program (Region 11 (Tribal) and Region 6).
- A school operated by the U.S. Bureau of Indian Education (BIE).

FY26 NM PreK eligible applicants must be seeking funding to create a new PreK program, renew an existing PreK contract or grant award, or to expand the number of children served in an existing NM PreK program. All eligible applicants must be in good standing with its respective regulatory authority, which is ECECD, the New Mexico Public Education Department (PED), or the applicable federal agency for tribes and Head Start. Programs must disclose as part of the application if they are currently on a Condition of Operation (COO) or Corrective Action Plan (CAP).

**SECTION II - NEW MEXICO PREK PROGRAM OPTIONS AND PER-CHILD REIMBURSEMENT RATES**

Each NM PreK program must choose from the options below and choose which type of program will be implemented per classroom or home-based program. Each applicant must select their program options in the online application and demonstrate how they will meet the requirements of each program option. Each applicant must also ensure that it plans to pay educators implementing the NM PreK program per the salary parity requirements as part of its application (see the definitions section below for more information). All program options, aside from the Head Start-specific options, are available to all Community and School-Based PreK applicants.

NM PreK Full Day Program Option			
	4 Year Olds	3 Year Olds	Mixed Age <i>(No less than 50% 3-year-olds)</i>
<b>Services</b>	Must be provided Monday through Friday (request for exceptions must be clearly explained in the application)	Must be provided Monday through Friday (request for exceptions must be clearly explained in the application)	Must be provided Monday through Friday (request for exceptions must be clearly explained in the application)
<b>Age Eligibility</b>	Children must turn 4 years old before September 1, 2025, and not be age-eligible for kindergarten.	Children must turn 3 years old before September 1, 2025, and not be age-eligible for kindergarten.	Children must turn 3 or 4 years old before September 1, 2025, and not be age-eligible for kindergarten.
<b>Instructional Hours Required</b>	Provide 1080 Instructional hours and 90 hours of family engagement for a total of 1170 PreK hours.	Provide 1080 Instructional hours and 90 hours of family engagement for a total of 1170 PreK hours.	Provide 1080 Instructional hours and 90 hours of family engagement for a total of 1170 PreK hours.
<b>Service Hours per day</b>	Minimum 6.5 hours per day, maximum 7 hours per day.	Minimum 6.5 hours per day, maximum 7 hours per day.	Minimum 6.5 hours per day, maximum 7 hours per day.
<b>Maximum Group Size</b>	20 Children	16 Children	16 Children
<b>Ratios</b>	1:10 adult to child ratio	1:8 adult to child ratio	1:8 adult to child ratio
<b>Reimbursement Rate Per PreK Slot</b>	<b>\$10,300 per slot per fiscal year</b>	<b>\$12,300 reimbursement per slot per fiscal year</b>	<b>\$12,300 reimbursement per slot per fiscal year</b>

<b>NM PreK Full Day Plus Program Option</b>			
	<b>4 Year Olds</b>	<b>3 Year Olds</b>	<b>Mixed Age (No less than 50% 3-year-olds)</b>
<b>Services</b>	Must be provided Monday through Friday (request for exceptions must be clearly explained in the application)	Must be provided Monday through Friday (request for exceptions must be clearly explained in the application)	Must be provided Monday through Friday (request for exceptions must be clearly explained in the application)
<b>Age Eligibility</b>	Children must turn 4 years old before September 1, 2025, and not be age-eligible for kindergarten.	Children must turn 3 years old before September 1, 2025, and not be age-eligible for kindergarten.	Children must turn 3 or 4 years old before September 1, 2025, and not be age-eligible for kindergarten.
<b>Instructional Hours Required</b>	Provide 1380 hours of instruction and 90 hours of family engagement and family education – 1470 hours total	Provide 1380 hours of instruction and 90 hours of family engagement and family education – 1470 hours total	Provide 1380 hours of instruction and 90 hours of family engagement and family education – 1470 hours total
<b>Service Hours per day</b>	Minimum 6.5 hours per day, maximum 8 hours per day.	Minimum 6.5 hours per day, maximum 8 hours per day.	Minimum 6.5 hours per day, maximum 8 hours per day.
<b>Maximum Group Size</b>	20 Children	16 Children	16 Children
<b>Ratios</b>	1:10 adult to child ratio	1:8 adult to child ratio	1:8 adult to child ratio
<b>Reimbursement Rate Per PreK Slot</b>	<b>\$14,300 reimbursement per slot per fiscal year</b>	<b>\$15,750 reimbursement per slot per fiscal year</b>	<b>\$15,750 reimbursement per slot per fiscal year</b>

<b>NM PreK Half Day Program Option</b>			
	<b>4 Year Olds</b>	<b>3 Year Olds</b>	<b>Mixed Age (no less than 50% 3 year-olds)</b>
<b>Services</b>	Must be provided Monday through Friday (request for exceptions must be clearly explained in the application)	Must be provided Monday through Friday (request for exceptions must be clearly explained in the application)	Must be provided Monday through Friday (request for exceptions must be clearly explained in the application)
<b>Age Eligibility</b>	Children must turn 4 years old before September 1, 2025, and not be age-eligible for kindergarten.	Children must turn 3 years old before September 1, 2025, and not be age-eligible for kindergarten.	Children must turn 3 or 4 years old before September 1, 2025, and not be age-eligible for kindergarten.
<b>Instructional Hours Required</b>	Provide 540 hours of instruction and 45 hours of family engagement and family education – 585 hours total	Provide 540 hours of instruction and 45 hours of family engagement and family education – 585 hours total	Provide 540 hours of instruction and 45 hours of family engagement and family education – 585 hours total
<b>Service Hours per day</b>	Minimum 3 hours per day, maximum 4 hours per day.	Minimum 3 hours per day, maximum 4 hours per day.	Minimum 3 hours per day, maximum 4 hours per day.
<b>Maximum Group Size</b>	20 Children	16 Children	16 Children
<b>Ratios</b>	1:10 adult to child ratio	1:8 adult to child ratio	1:8 adult to child ratio
<b>Reimbursement Rate Per PreK Slot</b>	<b>\$5,150 reimbursement per slot per fiscal year</b>	<b>\$6,150 reimbursement per slot per fiscal year</b>	<b>\$6,150 reimbursement per slot per fiscal year</b>

**Head Start Recipients ONLY:**

In addition to the program options above, the following options are only available to existing Region 11 (Tribal) and Region 6 Head Start Recipients.

Dual Enrollment Full Day Option		Dual Enrollment Full Day Plus Option	
<b>Services</b>	This option is for Head Start programs to extend to or maintain <b>1080 instructional hours</b> annually and for children to be dually enrolled in both Head Start and NM PreK.	<b>Services</b>	This option is for Head Start programs to extend to or maintain <b>1380 instructional hours</b> annually and for children to be dually enrolled in both Head Start and NM PreK.
<b>Age Eligibility</b>	Children must turn 3 or 4 years old before September 1, 2025, and not be age-eligible for kindergarten.	<b>Age Eligibility</b>	Children must turn 3 or 4 years old before September 1, 2025, and not be age-eligible for kindergarten.
<b>Instructional Hours Required</b>	Provide 1080 Instructional hours and 90 hours of family engagement for a total of 1170 PreK hours.	<b>Instructional Hours Required</b>	Provide 1380 hours of instruction and 90 hours of family engagement and family education – 1470 hours total
<b>Service Hours per day</b>	Minimum 6.5 hours per day, maximum 7 hours per day.	<b>Service Hours per day</b>	Minimum 6.5 hours per day, maximum 8 hours per day.
<b>Maximum Group Size</b>	16 Children	<b>Maximum Group Size</b>	16 Children
<b>Ratios</b>	1:8 adult to child ratio	<b>Ratios</b>	1:8 adult to child ratio
<b>Reimbursement Rate Per PreK Slot</b>	For each child dually enrolled, the program will be paid the difference between the Head Start per child rate and the NM PreK per child rate (\$12,300) per fiscal year.	<b>Reimbursement Rate Per PreK Slot</b>	For each child dually enrolled, the program will be paid the difference between the Head Start per child rate and the NM PreK per child rate (\$15,750) per fiscal year.

Blended Enrollment Full Day Option		Blended Enrollment Full Day Plus Option	
<b>Services</b>	This option is for Head Start programs to serve non-Head Start NM PreK-only children who are being served within the same classroom with Head Start or dually enrolled children for 1080 instructional hours annually.	<b>Services</b>	This option is for Head Start programs to serve non-Head Start NM PreK-only children who are being served within the same classroom with Head Start or dually enrolled children for 1380 instructional hours annually.
<b>Age Eligibility</b>	Children must turn 3 or 4 years old before September 1, 2025, and not be age-eligible for kindergarten.	<b>Age Eligibility</b>	Children must turn 3 or 4 years old before September 1, 2025, and not be age-eligible for kindergarten.
<b>Instructional Hours Required</b>	Provide 1080 Instructional hours and 90 hours of family engagement for a total of 1170 PreK hours.	<b>Instructional Hours Required</b>	Provide 1080 Instructional hours and 90 hours of family engagement for a total of 1170 PreK hours.
<b>Service Hours per day</b>	Minimum 6.5 hours per day, maximum 7 hours per day.	<b>Service Hours per day</b>	Minimum 6.5 hours per day, maximum 8 hours per day.
<b>Maximum Group Size</b>	16 Children	<b>Maximum Group Size</b>	16 Children
<b>Ratios</b>	1:8 adult to child ratio	<b>Ratios</b>	1:8 adult to child ratio
<b>Reimbursement Rate Per PreK Slot</b>	Each NM PreK-only slot will receive the full 3-year-old/Mixed-Age Extended rate (\$12,300) per fiscal year.	<b>Reimbursement Rate Per PreK Slot</b>	Each NM PreK-only slot will receive the full 3-year-old/Mixed-Age rate (\$15,750) per fiscal year.

### SECTION III — FUNDING

FUNDING IS SUBJECT TO CURRENT AND FUTURE APPROPRIATIONS FROM THE NEW MEXICO LEGISLATURE FOR THE PERIOD OF THE GRANT AWARD. NO GUARANTEE IS MADE OR IMPLIED BY THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO OR ECECD AS TO THE AMOUNT ALLOCATED TO THIS GRANT OF AWARD. THIS GRANT PROCESS WILL RESULT IN MULTIPLE AWARDS. THE FUNDING AVAILABLE THROUGH THE GRANT IS FOR STATE-FUNDED PREK AND EARLY PREK SERVICES.

ECECD will reimburse for NM PreK services in accordance with the per-child reimbursement rates set forth above. Rates are non-negotiable. ECECD will calculate the total compensation available during the grant period by the number of children served per eligible applicant type and then multiplied by the appropriate rate. Depending on the size of the award, programs may be subject to an annual audit requirement. Depending upon available funding, ECECD may adjust the per child rate in future years and any such changes will be implemented through an award letter amendment as needed. ECECD will set aside a limited amount of funding for:

- **Transportation – \$1,000.00 per child, per fiscal year.** ECECD may award this funding if the program has the capacity to transport children enrolled in NM PreK to and from the program.
- **Start-Up and Safety – Up to \$25,000.00 per classroom for supplies and equipment, and an additional \$5,000.00 per classroom for curriculum materials to equip a new PreK classroom**

### SECTION IV – APPLICATION TIMELINE AND INSTRUCTIONS

The following timeline may be amended by ECECD as needed:

Action	Responsible Party	Due Date
Grant Application Period Opens	ECECD	Wednesday, January 15, 2025
PreK Application Office Hours <a href="#">via Zoom</a> Spanish interpretation will be available	ECECD	Tuesday, January 21, 2025, 9 a.m. Thursday January 23, 2025, 1 p.m. Saturday, January 25, 2025, 10 a.m. Wednesday, January 29, 2025, 6 p.m.
Deadline to Submit Written Questions	Eligible Applicants	Friday, January 31, 2025, 11:59 p.m. (MDT)
Response to Written Questions	ECECD	Thursday, February 6, 2025, by 11:59 p.m.
Deadline to Submit FY26 Grant Application	Eligible Applicants	Friday, February 14, 2025, by 3 p.m. (MDT)
Grant Award Denial Letters Issued	ECECD	No later than Friday, April 4, 2025, at 11:59 p.m.
Deadline to submit protest of denial	Eligible Applicants	Monday April 14, 2025, by 5 p.m.
ECECD denial protest response deadline	ECECD	Thursday April 24, 2025, by 11:59 p.m.
Grant Awards Issued	ECECD	Wednesday, April 30, 2025, by 11:59 p.m.

#### Written Questions

Answers must be submitted via email to ECECD at [ECECD-PreKGrant@ececd.nm.gov](mailto:ECECD-PreKGrant@ececd.nm.gov). Questions must be submitted prior to 11:59 p.m. (MDT) on January 31, 2025.

#### Application Submission and Due Date

All applications must be submitted no later than 3 p.m. (MDT) Friday, February 14, 2025. Each applicant will receive a notification of receipt. LATE OR INCOMPLETE APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED, REVIEWED OR CONSIDERED FOR FUNDING.

ALL APPLICATIONS MUST BE SUBMITTED THROUGH THE FY26 PREK APPLICATION PORTAL AVAILABLE AT:

- <https://nmececd-ecen.submittable.com/submit>

Eligible applicants MUST submit an application under the following circumstances:

- New Program
- Renewal Request
- Expansion Request

Eligible applicants should NOT submit an application under the following circumstances:

- Current programs requesting conversion (changes of program option or program type)

ECECD will not consider conversions of program option or program type for FY26 whether by application or letter. (For example, conversion from full day plus to full day or from 4-year-old to mixed age).

Applications must be submitted no later than 3 p.m. MDT Friday, February 14, 2025. Each applicant will receive a notification of receipt. In addition, applicants will receive a summary of their funding request, which is NOT an actual award notice, within 48 hours of submission.

**LATE OR INCOMPLETE APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED FOR FUNDING**

## SECTION V – SCORING METHODOLOGY

Each eligible proposal will be reviewed by at least three reviewers. Each reviewer will score the proposal according to the indicated point criteria in the Notice of Funding Opportunity. Scores from each reviewer will be averaged to compute the final score. If there is a difference of more than 15 points between the reviewers' scores, the two closest scores will be averaged to compute the final score. Awards will be made starting with the highest scoring proposal in rank order for each school district areas. In the event of tie scores, proposals with the highest combined score on Section 3 A. Define the Need for High Quality NM PreK Services. If a tie remains, the proposal with the highest combined score on Section 3 D. Collaborative Efforts to Ensure the Full Participation of Each Child will be ranked higher.

## SECTION VI – GRANT AWARD PROTEST PROCEDURE

**Applicants who receive a notice of non-award may protest the ECECD award decision subject to the following:**

- 1) The protest must be in writing and must contain specific factual and/or legal allegations setting forth the basis on which the protesting party challenges the non-award by ECECD.
- 2) The protest must be submitted in writing via email to [ECECD-PreKGrant@ececd.nm.gov](mailto:ECECD-PreKGrant@ececd.nm.gov) on or before Monday, April 14, 2025, at 5 p.m.
- 3) ECECD will convene a review team that will include at least one staff member from ECECD's Office of General Counsel, NM PreK Program and the Deputy Secretary. The review team will review and consider the merits of the protest and will decide whether the protest is approved or denied.
- 4) NM PreK Program Office will provide the applicant with written notification via email of the review team's decision within ten (10) calendar days of the receipt of the protest. ECECD may summarily deny a protest that fails to contain specific factual or legal allegations, or where the protest only raises issues of law that have already been decided by the courts.

## SECTION VII – DEFINITIONS

- 1) **Annual Audit:** An annual audit as required by the State of New Mexico law conducted by an independent auditor. <https://www.ecfr.gov/current/title-2/subtitle-A/chapter-II/part-200/subpart-F> and <https://nmonesource.com/nmos/nmsa/en/item/4423/index.do#!b/57-22-6>
- 2) **Child Care Desert:** A Census Tract with one or less childcare slot per every three children aged 0-12.
- 3) **Community-Based Applicants:** A licensed childcare center, licensed family childcare facility, or Head Start program applying for a NM PreK grant.
- 4) **Existing Program:** A program/provider that currently has an NM PreK grant or agreement with ECECD.
- 5) **Family Income Eligibility:** There is no income requirement for NM PreK families.
- 6) **Invoicing:** Programs must invoice ECECD monthly to be reimbursed for NM PreK services. Invoicing is based on the number of children served during the month.
- 7) **Micro School District:** A school district with fewer than 200 students enrolled.
- 8) **Mixed PreK Classroom/Program:** A classroom or program that serves children who have attained their third or fourth birthday prior to September 1 of the applicable school year.
- 9) **New Mexico PreK Program Standards:** The program standards that all NM PreK programs must follow. The text of the standards is available at: <https://www.nmececd.org/prek/>
- 10) **New Program:** An eligible applicant that has never received NM PreK funding and wishes to convert a NM PreK classroom currently in operation or open a new NM PreK classroom.
- 11) **NM Child Care Licensing Regulations:** The New Mexico childcare licensing regulations can be found at: <https://www.srca.nm.gov/parts/title08/08.009.0004.html>
- 12) **Pay Parity:** At minimum, all teachers with a bachelor's degree in early childhood education must be paid at least \$50,000 a year and educational assistants must be paid a minimum of \$15.00 an hour.
- 13) **PreK Classroom/Program:** A classroom or program that serves children who have attained their fourth birthday prior to September 1 of the applicable school year.
- 14) **Renewal Request:** A renewal request is a request submitted by an existing PreK provider that has a contract for NM PreK services that will expire June 30, 2025. A renewal request is considered a new application and must be fully completed.
- 15) **Rural District:** A district with at least 40% of its population in a rural area as defined by the U.S. Census Bureau.
- 16) **School Based Applicants:** School-Based eligible applicants may apply for all program options. To support an equitable mixed-delivery PreK system that supports parent choice, both Community and School-Based programs are eligible to apply to serve 3- and 4-year-old children beginning in FY24.
- 17) **School District Area:** The geographic boundaries of a school district that an applicant falls within.
- 18) **Tribal Programs:** Tribal early childhood programs operated by a Tribal government located in New Mexico.

## SECTION VIII – PRIORITY DISTRICTS

Funding priority criteria will be determined as listed below. **If a School District Area is not listed, it does not meet ECECD's funding priority criteria.**

**Priority 1: Eligible applicants proposing to serve four-year-olds residing in the geographic boundaries of the following NM School District Areas:** Albuquerque Public Schools, Artesia Public Schools, Belen Public Schools, Cloudcroft Public Schools, Corona Public Schools, Eunice Public Schools, Hobbs Municipal Schools, House Municipal Schools, Las Vegas City Schools, Logan Municipal Schools, Los Alamos Public Schools, Loving Municipal Schools, Lovington Municipal Schools, Maxwell Municipal Schools, Quemado Schools, Raton Public Schools, Red River Schools, Rio Rancho Public Schools, Tularosa Municipal Schools.

**Priority 2: Eligible applicants proposing to serve three-year-olds residing in the geographic boundaries of the following NM School District Areas:** – Alamogordo Public Schools, Albuquerque Public Schools, Animas Public Schools, Artesia Public Schools, Belen Public Schools, Bloomfield Schools, Carlsbad Municipal School, Central Consolidated Schools, Clayton Municipal Schools, Cloudcroft Public Schools, Clovis Municipal Schools, Cobre Consolidated Schools, Corona Public Schools, Des Moines Municipal Schools, Dexter Consolidated Schools, Dora Consolidated Schools, Dulce Independent School District, Elida Municipal Schools, Espanola Public School District, Eunice Public Schools, Farmington Municipal Schools, Floyd Municipal Schools, Ft. Sumner Municipal Schools, Gallup-McKinley County Schools, Grants-Cibola County Schools, Hagerman Municipal Schools, Hatch Valley Public Schools, Hobbs Municipal Schools, Hondo Valley Public Schools, House Municipal Schools, Jal Public Schools, Las Cruces Public Schools, Las Vegas City Schools, Logan Municipal Schools, Los Alamos Public Schools, Los Lunas Public Schools, Loving Municipal Schools, Lovington Municipal Schools, Maxwell Municipal Schools, Melrose Public Schools, Mesa Vista Consolidated Schools, Moriarty-Edgewood School District, Mosquero Municipal Schools, Mountainair School District, Pojoaque Valley Schools, Portales Municipal Schools, Quemado Schools, Questa Independent School District, Raton Public Schools, Red River Schools, Rio Rancho Public Schools, Roswell Independent School District, Roy Municipal Schools, San Jon Municipal Schools, Santa Fe Public Schools, Santa Rosa Consolidated Schools, Springer Municipal Schools, Tatum Municipal Schools, Texico Municipal Schools, Truth or Consequences Municipal Schools, Tucumcari Public Schools, Tularosa Municipal Schools, Vaughn Municipal Schools, Wagon Mound Public Schools, West Las Vegas Schools, Zuni Public Schools.

**Priority 3: Eligible applicants proposing to serve four-year-olds residing in the geographic boundaries of the following NM School District Areas:** Carlsbad Municipal Schools, Central Consolidated Schools, Clayton Municipal Schools, Clovis Municipal Schools, Des Moines Municipal Schools, Dexter Consolidated Schools, Dora Consolidated Schools, Estancia Municipal Schools, Farmington Municipal Schools, Floyd Municipal Schools, Gallup-McKinley County School, Hagerman Municipal Schools, Jal Public Schools, Jemez Mountain Public Schools, Las Cruces Public Schools, Melrose Public Schools, Moriarty-Edgewood School District, Pecos Independent Schools, Pojoaque Valley Schools, Portales Municipal Schools, Questa Independent School District.

**Priority 4: Eligible applicants that are proposing to serve three-year-olds residing in the geographic boundaries of the following NM School District Areas:** Aztec Public Schools, Bernalillo Public Schools, Carrizozo Municipal Schools, Chama Valley Independent Schools, Deming Public Schools, Estancia Municipal Schools, Gadsden Independent School District, Grady Municipal Schools, Jemez Mountain Public Schools, Lake Arthur Municipal Schools, Mora Independent Schools, Pecos Independent Schools, Socorro Consolidated Schools, Taos Municipal Schools.