

# How to Apply for Head Start or Early Head Start Funding



## Step 1: Find Funding Opportunities

The Office of Head Start (OHS) posts Notices of Funding Opportunity (NOFOs) to invite applications for grants to provide services in specific areas. You can learn more about finding these opportunities, applying for grants, and the review process on the Administration for Children and Families (ACF) Grants page.

## Step 2: Decide Whether to Apply

ACF invites applications from various organizations—local, public, or private nonprofits, including faith-based or local for-profit groups—that compete for funds to provide Head Start services to children and families. To apply, organizations must show they meet the requirements outlined in the Head Start Act. ACF will consider all qualified applicants within the community.

## Step 3: Explore Application Resources

OHS understands that preparing a grant application takes time and effort. Under the QR code below, OHS provides guidance on which organizations are eligible to apply, how to register, and the requirements for programs after receiving a grant.

## Step 4: Submit Your Application

ACF announces funding availability through forecasts on Grants.gov. When they are ready to accept applications, they issue official NOFOs with due dates, typically at least 60 days after posting the forecast. Applications must be submitted electronically through Grants.gov by the specified deadline to be considered.



### OHS Grant Application Resources



### ACF Grants Resources

