



FY21 Early Childhood Block Grant RFP Deadline Extended until April 15, 2020 at 4:00 p.m.

Due to the recent COVID-19 school closures, the Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE) is extending the FY21 RFP submission deadline until April 15, 2020. We understand that potential applicants are currently handling other issues in relation to the COVID-19 pandemic and may not be able to meet the previous due date of March 23. As a result, all applications are now due via electronic or U.S. mail on April 15, 2020 at 4:00 p.m.

Submission Dates and Times/Other Submission Requirements:

Proposals can be submitted electronically through the ISBE Attachment Manager or received via U.S. mail no later than April 15, 2020 at 4:00 PM. Late proposals will not be accepted. Directions for each submission method are found below. Only proposals submitted using official ISBE RFP attachments will be considered. Additional documents and attachments will not be evaluated.

Electronic Submission: Completed proposals submitted electronically should be scanned into one PDF with all supporting documents and required signatures. The attachments should be printed, official authorized signatures placed, and scanned as one file before upload. The ISBE Attachment Manager is found at <https://sec1.isbe.net/attachmgr/default.aspx>. Choose FY21 Early Childhood RFP from the drop down menu in Receiver Information. Submit the application using the button at the bottom of the page.

Mailed Proposals: Mail the original and one USB flash drive to ISBE Early Childhood Division, 100 North First Street, E-225, Springfield, IL 62777 to ensure the NOFO/RFP response is in the ISBE offices no later than April 15, 2020 at 4:00 PM. It is advised to use certified mail with a guaranteed delivery date and a return receipt requested.

Due to the closing of State buildings as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, ISBE is not able to offer the option of hand delivered applications.

Applicants who already submitted their FY21 ECBG application in response to this RFP may revise, amend and resubmit their applications by the extended submission deadline of April 15, 2020 at 4:00 p.m.

Proposals received at 4:01 p.m. on April 15, 2020 are considered late and will not be accepted.