

Question	How much time will be given to hire staff?
Answer	A Coordinator and Family Service Coordinator should be hired and on-site within 60 days from when MSDE releases the grant funds.

Question	What support can be given to Pre-K and Kindergarten?
Answer	Grant funds must be used to serve children ages birth through five years of age and their families within a catchment area by providing comprehensive early care and education services to promote continuous improvement toward child development and school readiness. Support is up to the LEAs discretion. However, there should be outreach to identify and engage children birth through five for Judy Center programming <i>who are not currently enrolled in formal programs</i> (i.e., not enrolled in partner childcare, Head Start/ Early Head Start, Pre-K, and kindergarten).

Question	Could you confirm the number of grants anticipated to be awarded this year. Page 3 of the GIG says that the Blueprint provides for 9 centers annually, but page 4 indicates 3 grants will be awarded in the current round.
Answer	MSDE anticipates awarding up to three (3) grants.

Question	Confirming we need KRA data for SY 21-22, 22-23 and projected 23-24 correct?
Answer	KRA data for 22-23 and projected data for 23- 24 are required. SY 21-22 data may be included. You may add columns to the chart, if necessary.

Question	If LEA does not meet in-kind for salary you automatically lose 5 points, correct?
Answer	Five priority points are given on the rubric if the LEA provides at least 50% of in-kind funding for Judy Center staff salaries. If the LEA does not meet this requirement, they will not be awarded the 5 points for that section.

Question	Is this a combined MOU or can it be individual MOUs?
Answer	The Memorandum of Understanding format is up to LEA. You should include the required language from the Grant Information Guide. The MOU is due 60 days after the grant is awarded.

Question	May 10 th Customer Service Session – GIG states 1 pm to 2 pm; slide had times as 10 am to 11 am. What is correct time for this session?
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Answer	The correct time is 1:00pm to 2:00pm as published in the Grant Information Guide.
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