



Funding Tools and Resources

This comprehensive guide is crafted to empower the early childhood community with essential tools, links, and resources tailored to enhance their search for robust funding opportunities. Specifically designed to support Early Childhood Education Registered Apprenticeship programs, this resource aims to streamline the process of identifying and applying for financial support. While securing funding can never be guaranteed, accessing a diverse range of funding options is crucial for the sustainability and growth of your programs.

Included in this guide are details on federal, state, and philanthropic funding sources, advanced strategies for managing and maximizing funding like blending, braiding, and layering, as well as practical tips for crafting compelling grant applications. Whether you're a newcomer to funding searches or looking to refine your existing strategies, this guide provides valuable insights to help you navigate the complexities of funding and ensure the longevity of your early childhood program and workforce.

Federal Funding for Registered Apprenticeship	
Department of Labor: WIOA	Using Workforce Funds to Support Apprenticeship The Federal Resources Playbook for Registered Apprenticeship
Department of Labor: WOTC	Work Opportunity Tax Credit Fact Sheet Work Opportunity Tax Credit Quick Reference Guide for Employers
Department of Labor: H-1B	H-1B Fact Sheet Fact Sheets Requirements to Participate in the H-1B Program
Department of Education: Pell Grant	ED Federal Pell Grant Program Benefits.gov: Federal Pell Grants
Department of Education: Perkins V	Investing in Quality: Funding the Perkins V Comprehensive Local Needs Assessment Maryland's Department of Education, Four-Year State Plan
Department of Education: ESSA	Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA)
Department of Veterans Affairs: GI Bill	About GI Bill Benefits

	Post-9/11 GI Bill: Transferability
Department of Housing and Urban Development: Choice Neighborhoods	Choice Neighborhoods (opens yearly each spring)
Department of Agriculture: SNAP E&T	SNAP E&T Potential Provider
Department of Health and Human Resources: Head Start	Head Start Services
Department of Health and Human Resources: CCDBG	The First Five Things to Know: The Child Care and Development Block Grant
Department of Health and Human Resources: MIECHV	Maternal, Infant and Early Childhood Home Visiting Program
Department of Health and Human Resources: PDG B-5	Preschool Development Birth through Five
Department of Education: IDEA	About IDEA

Grant Search Platforms	
Grants.gov	Centralized location for finding and applying for federal funding
Foundation Directory Online	Comprehensive resource for finding private foundations and grants. (Cost associated with subscription)
GrantWatch	Identifies grants from governments, corporations, and foundations across the U.S. (Cost associated with subscription)
Registered Apprenticeship Investments, Tax Credits, and Tuition Support	Search for active grants and contracts funded by the U.S. Department of Labor to help promote and expand Registered Apprenticeship.
Financial Management Tools	
QuickBooks for Nonprofits	Budget tracking and financial management software tailored for non-profit needs.
MIP Fund Accounting	Specifically designed for organizations managing multiple funding sources
Organizations Offering Guidance and Training	
National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC)	Offers resources and guidance on early childhood policy
Council on Foundations	Provides tools and support for organizations seeking philanthropic contributions

ROI Calculators and Tools	
Social Return on Investment (SROI)	Tools and frameworks to calculate the social impact in monetary terms.
Child Trends	Offers various tools and calculators to estimate the benefits and costs of ECE programs
Networking and Advocacy Groups	
Early Childhood Funding Collaborative	Connects you to a network of funders dedicated to improving early childhood education.
Alliance for Early Success	Offers advocacy tools and funding strategies for early childhood policy and practice.
Educational Webinars and Workshops	
Foundation Center Webinars	Educational sessions on grant writing and funding strategies.
Philanthropy University	Free courses on fundraising, strategy, and organizational capacity building.

Find more information about how the Early Childhood Workforce Connector can help you.

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