



Franklin County RISE IDEA Fund Innovation Awards Frequently Asked Questions

1. What programs are eligible to apply for the Innovation Awards?
 - a. Innovation Awards are available to all ODJFS licensed childcare programs in Franklin County, licensed childcare centers, FCC Type A, and FCC Type B.
2. Can FCC programs apply to all levels of funding?
 - a. Yes. FCC programs are eligible to apply for each level of funding.
3. Can I apply more than once?
 - a. No. Only one application per program will be considered for funding.
4. When will I find out if I was awarded?
 - a. All awardees will be announced June 1, 2025.
5. If I receive an award, will I have to reconcile the funds?
 - a. Yes, programs who are awarded a cash award will have to reconcile the funds spent by September 30, 2025.
6. What information will be used for the reconciliation process?
 - a. Receipts and paid invoice forms are accepted forms of documentation for reconciliation.
7. Can I use this grant to purchase a new jungle gym for my playground.
 - a. No. Permanent structural playground equipment such as slides, jungle gyms, climbing walls, climbers, swing sets, pools, etc. are not allowable expenses.
8. If I'm not selected for the bundle that I requested, will I be considered for a different bundle?
 - a. Yes. Reviewers may consider your application for a different bundle.
9. If we request a dollar amount, are we not eligible to be awarded a preset bundle?
 - a. Yes and no. Each program will only be awarded 1 award. However, programs requesting a dollar amount can put a preset bundle in their budget. If awarded, the program will order the bundle from the company instead of the RISE Team. The program will also be responsible for reconciling that purchase. Programs are encouraged to be creative, so requesting multiple presets is discouraged.
10. If a company owns multiple childcare sites, is each site eligible to apply?



- a. Yes. Each individual licensed childcare program is eligible to apply even if they are part of a larger corporation. It is in each individual site's best interest to own their proposal. Identical/similar proposals across a corporation are discouraged.
11. Will it be one application to determine what childcare program will receive which grant? In other words, based on those proposals will that determine which grant they will receive based on the rubric/score? Or do you have to check a box of what grant you are applying for?
 - a. It is just one application. The application asks you to denote which category your proposal falls under and how much you are requesting. In your proposed budget, you will share how you plan to use that amount to fulfill your project's goals. A program can and may be awarded a smaller award based on their rubric score.
12. Who will receive the pre-set bundles? Is it the program who scored the lowest on the application? Or will there be an option to select on the application what grant amount you are applying for?
 - a. Each applicant can request a monetary award or the preset bundles. The programs requesting bundles will be considered first for the bundles. However, a program requesting a monetary award could be awarded a bundle based on their rubric score.
13. Will you be able to start the application and save it to continue later? Or do you have to complete the application in one setting?
 - a. Yes, you can save your application to be finished at a later time.
14. Is the application on a first come, first served basis?
 - a. The selection committee will start reviewing applications after the application close date of April 30, 2025. All applications will be reviewed, and decisions will be made based on scores.