

Milford School Readiness Grant Request for Proposals

Legal Notice

2022

The Milford School Readiness Council is soliciting proposals for the development and/ or operation of School Readiness Programs or contracted spaces for three and four year old children for early care and education pursuant to Sec. 10-16o. – 10-16r and Sec. 10-16t. – 10-16u. CGS and amendments under PA 99-230, the School Readiness and Child Day Care Grant Program.

The Milford School Readiness Council announces the availability of the School Readiness Grant Program Local Request for Proposal (RFP) for the July 1, 2022- June 30, 2023 fiscal year. Programs providing education and care for 3 and 4 year old children residing in the Milford community may be private for-profit centers or non-profit centers, in public schools or part of Head Start. Interested programs should either be licensed, currently accredited by the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC) or able to earn accreditation within three years from the date of funding. In addition, the legislation has identified specific requirements for programs to ensure the highest quality of care for the children in the program. Please review the [School Readiness General Policies](#) found on the Office of Early Childhood website.

The programs awarded School Readiness funds agree to participate in professional development opportunities for their staff, comply with monthly reporting activities, and have their programs evaluated quarterly by the School Readiness Liaison. They also are invited to attend Milford School Readiness Council meetings as well as participate regularly in the local activities and events.

Participating providers in the School Readiness program are supported by the School Readiness Liaison and the School Readiness Council.

Technical assistance for new programs seeking to apply for Milford School Readiness slots is available upon request. Please contact Carole Swift for an application or with questions at cswift@milforded.org. Any program that wishes to become a provider of School Readiness services in the Milford community must submit a local proposal to the Milford School Readiness Council for approval. All local RFP submissions will be reviewed and scored by the Milford School Readiness Council. The Council reserves the right to reject any and all

applications submitted after the deadline. Incomplete or late applications will not be accepted.

A single-sided hard copy of the application and an original hard copy of signature pages should be hand delivered to the Superintendent's Office at 70 West River Street, Milford, CT on April 1, at or before 3:00 PM. In addition, an electronic copy of the application should be emailed to Carole Swift, Milford School Readiness Liaison, at cswift@milforded.org on April 1, at or before 3:00 PM.

Once received, reviewed and approved by the School Readiness Council, RFPs will be submitted to the OEC by midnight on May 8th.