

Early Childhood Education Community Innovation Zone Grantees



Providing Pennsylvania's children with quality early learning experiences is a collaborative effort of families, schools and communities that can produce a huge return on investment for all. Pennsylvania issued 50 Community Innovation Grants to at-risk elementary schools and neighborhoods.

The first phase of the grants were awarded in 2014 to 12 communities with exemplary programs in place and willing to mentor phase two grantees. The second phase of 38 grants were issued in 2015. Grantees receive intensive supports and local grants to increase family engagement, strengthen relationships between early childhood providers and schools to build birth – 3rd grade alignment, and strengthen community collaborations.

This initiative is a part of Pennsylvania's Race to the Top - Early Learning Challenge grant. For more information on other initiatives funded by this grant, visit the Pennsylvania Department of Education website.

Phase I

First grants issued in 2014-15.

1. Allegheny County - Pittsburgh Public Schools, serving Pittsburgh Arsenal Elementary School (Pittsburgh Public Schools) - \$75,000
2. Allegheny County - Pittsburgh Association for the Education of Young Children, serving Faison Elementary School (Pittsburgh Public Schools) - \$75,000
3. Chester County - Chester County Intermediate Unit, serving Jordan Bank Elementary School (Oxford Area SD) - \$75,000
4. Dauphin County - The Foundation for Enhancing Communities, serving Downey and Foose elementary schools (Harrisburg SD) - \$74,830
5. Fayette County - Private Industry Council of Westmoreland / Fayette, Inc., serving Masontown Elementary School (Albert-Gallatin Area SD) - \$70,287
6. Greene County - Community Action Southwest, serving Jefferson-Morgan Elementary School (Jefferson-Morgan SD) - \$75,000
7. Lebanon County - Lancaster-Lebanon Intermediate Unit 13, serving Northwest Elementary School (Lebanon SD) - \$75,000
8. Luzerne County - Greater Nanticoke Area School District, serving KM Smith and Kennedy elementary schools (Greater Nanticoke Area SD) - \$27,738
9. Montgomery County - Pottstown School District, serving Barth, Franklin, Lincoln, Rupert elementary schools - \$75,000
10. Philadelphia County - Drexel University, serving Alain Locke, McMichael Morton, Samuel Powell, Martha Washington elementary schools (Philadelphia SD) - \$74,914
11. Philadelphia County - Parent Power (What Will You Do With Yours?), serving General George Meade Elementary School (Philadelphia SD) - \$73,316
12. Venango County - Child Development Centers, Inc., serving Hasson Heights Elementary School (Oil City Area SD) - \$75,000

Phase II

First grants issued in 2015-16.

1. Allegheny County - Focus on Renewal serving Sto-Rox Elementary School (Sto-Rox SD)– \$75,000
2. Allegheny County - McKeesport Area School District Twin Rivers Primary School(McKeesport SD)– \$75,000
3. Beaver County - HAP Enterprises, INC serving Rochester Elementary School (Rochester Are SD)– \$75,000
4. Beaver County - Private Industry Council of Westmoreland / Fayette, INC serving Beaver Falls Elementary (Big Beaver Falls SD)– \$74,623
5. Berks County -Berks County Intermediate Unit serving Glenside Elementary School (Reading SD)– \$75,000
6. Blair County - Begin with Us Child Care and Preschool, INC serving Pleasant Valley Elementary School and Penn Lincoln Elementary School (Altoona Area SD)– \$75,000
7. Blair County - Tyrone Area School District serving Tyrone Area Elementary School (Tyrone SD)– \$75,000
8. Bradford, Sullivan, Tioga and Union Counties -The ARC of Pennsylvania (Include Me) serving Warrior Run School District (Warrior Run SD)- \$74,925
9. Butler County - Slippery Rock University Student Government Association Preschool and Child Care Center serving Slippery Rock Elementary School and Moraine Elementary School (Slippery Rock Area SD) - \$75,000
10. Cambria County - Greater Johnstown School District serving East Side Elementary School – (Greater Johnstown SD) - \$75,000
11. Clearfield - Cen-Clear Child Services, INC serving Clearfield Elementary School (Clearfield Area SD)- \$75,000
12. Crawford County - Meadville Children's Center serving First District Elementary School and Second District Elementary School(Crawford Central SD)– \$75,000
13. Crawford County - United Way of Titusville serving Titusville Early Childhood Learning Center (Titusville Area SD) – \$75,000
14. Cumberland County - South Middleton School District serving W.G. Rice Elementary School (South Middleton SD) – \$75,000
15. Erie County - Erie's Public Schools serving Lincoln Elementary School (Erie's Public Schools)– \$75,000
16. Erie County - United Way of Erie serving Iroquois Elementary School (Erie's Public Schools)– \$69,515
17. Indiana County - Marion Center Area School District serving Rayne Elementary School and McCreery Elementary School (Marion Center Area SD) – \$75,000
18. Fayette County - Intermediate Unit #1 serving R.W. Clark elementary School (Laurel Highland SD)– \$75,000
19. Huntingdon County - Mount Union Area School District serving MU-Kistler Elementary School and Shirley Township Elementary School – \$74,725
20. Indiana County - Saltsburg Elementary School serving Saltsburg Elementary School–\$74,942
21. Juniata County - Tuscarora Intermediate Unit serving Fermanagh-Mifflintown Elementary School (Mount Union Area SD) – \$75,000
22. Lackawanna/Wyoming Counties - Keystone College serving Lackawanna Trail Elementary School (Lackawanna Trail SD) – \$74,997

23. Lackawanna County - United Way of Lackawanna & Wayne Counties serving McNichols Plaza Elementary School and John F. Kennedy Elementary School (Scranton SD)– \$74,999
24. Lancaster County- Early Childhood Innovative Connections serving Highland Elementary School Ephrata Area SD)– \$73,904
25. Luzerne County -Hazelton Area SD serving Hazle Township Early Learning Center and Arthur Street Elementary School Hazelton SD) – \$75,000
26. Luzerne County -Pittston Area School District serving Pittston Area Primary Center and Pittston Are Intermediate Center (Pittston Area SD)– \$75,000
27. Luzerne County - Luzerne Intermediate Unit serving Hanover Green Elementary School (Hanover Area SD)– \$75,000
28. Lycoming County - Lycoming-Clinton Counties Commission for Community Action (STEP), INC Thaddeus Stevens Primary School (Williamsport Area SD)– \$75,000
29. McKean County - Bradford Area School District serving George G. Blaisdell Elementary School and School Street Elementary School (Bradford Area SD) – \$75,000
30. Northampton County -Family Connections of Easton serving Paxinosa Elementary School (Easton Area SD) – \$75,000
31. Philadelphia County- Elwyn Special Education for Early Developmental Success (SEEDS) serving F. Amedee Bregy Elementary School, George W. Nebinger School, Solis-Colin Academics Plus Elementary School, and Prince Hall School (Philadelphia SD) – \$75,000
32. Philadelphia County - Delaware Valley Association for the Education of Young Children serving William Cramp School (Philadelphia SD) – \$75,000
33. Philadelphia County - Diversified Community Services serving McDaniel Elementary School– (Philadelphia SD) \$75,000
34. Westmoreland County - Greensburg Salem School District serving Amos K. Hutchinson Elementary School (Greensburg Salem SD)– \$75,000
35. Westmoreland County - United Way of Westmoreland serving Grandview Elementary School Derry Area SD)– \$74,989
36. York County - JG Early Intervention Specialists, INC serving Ferguson K-8 School (York City SD)– \$74,993
37. York County - United Way of York serving McKinley Elementary School (York City SD)– \$75,000
38. York County - YWCA of York serving Goode Elementary School (York City SD) – \$75,000