



**Request for Applications  
Promoting Equity and Quality  
Across all Fresno County Early Learning and Care Settings**

**Eligibility Update February 20, 2025**

**BACKGROUND**

**Eligibility** *(page 5 of RFA)*

This funding is designed to fill gaps and expand services in Fresno County's child care quality improvement system, known as Fresno County Early Stars. To this end, the Fresno County Superintendent of Schools will have a right of first refusal to apply as the lead agency of Fresno County Early Stars. If Fresno County Superintendent of Schools declines to apply as the lead agency for this Request for Applications, other state, city and county government agencies; 501(c)(3) nonprofit public benefit organizations; higher education institutions; and local education agencies are eligible to apply for the lead agency role.

**Letter of Interest or Refusal** *(page 6 of RFA)*

Fresno County Superintendent of Schools must submit a Letter of Interest or Refusal by Thursday, February 20, 2025 to indicate their intent to apply.

Following the receipt of the Letter of Interest or Refusal, we will update the F5FC website (<https://first5fresno.org/what-we-do/#funding-opportunities>) by February 21st to publicly communicate if the RFA will be open to other eligible applicants.

**UPDATE**

On February 19, 2025, **Fresno County Superintendent of Schools submitted a Letter of Interest** indicating intent to apply for this Request for Applications. Therefore, **no other** agencies are eligible to apply as the lead agency for this Request for Applications.