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2024 Education Early Care Spaces Stage One Application

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# Organization Information

* **Organization Name**\*
* **Is your organization a 501(c)(3) or are you fiscally sponsored?** \*
  + 501(c)(3)
  + Fiscally Sponsored
* **Tax ID [displays when “501(c)(3)” is selected above.** \*
* **Organization Address**\*
* **Organization Phone Number**\*
* **Organization Website**\*
* **Mission Statement: Describe your organization's history and mission. Include significant milestones and key accomplishments.** \*
* **How does your organizational leader publicly self-identify? E.g., CEO, Executive Director, etc**\*
  + Asian American/Pacific Islander/Asian/East Asian/South Asian/Southeast Asian
  + Black/African American/African
  + Hispanic/Latino/Latina/Latinx/Latine
  + Middle Eastern/North African
  + Native American/American Indian/Alaska Native/Indigenous
  + White/Caucasian/European
  + Multi-racial/Multi-ethnic (two or more races or ethnicities)
  + Prefer to identify with another race or ethnicity (please specify)
  + Decline to state
* **Organizational Leader - Different Identity:** If you selected "Prefer to identify with another race or ethnicity (please specify)" above, please elaborate here. If not, please type "N/A". \*
* **Annual Budget**: Please share your organization’s current total budget amount. For fiscally sponsored organizations, this should be your organization's budget, not your fiscal sponsors. \*
* **Last Year's Annual Budget:** Please share the total budget amount from your organization's last closed fiscal year.  For fiscally sponsored organizations, this should be your organization's budget, not your fiscal sponsors. \*
* **Current Fiscal Year End Date**

# Fiscal Sponsor Information

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* **Fiscal Sponsor Organization\***
* **Fiscal Sponsor Tax ID\***
* **Signed Fiscal Sponsorship Agreement (Upload) \***
  + *Please upload your signed fiscal sponsorship agreement. The agreement must be signed by your organization AND your fiscal sponsor.*

# Proposal Contacts Information\*

## Organizational Leader \*

## Primary Contact for this Application \*

## This is the primary contact for this application and grant, if awarded.

## Additional Contact for this Application

## Fiscal Sponsor Contact \*

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# Request Information

Early Care Spaces is an open application grant program that provides grants of up to $100,000 to support organizations promoting early language and literacy development for Oakland children from birth to five years old.

**Early Care Spaces aims to advance work that focuses on:**

* Supporting children to expand their vocabulary and comprehension skills and increase confidence in listening and speaking.
* Opportunities that recognize parents and caregivers as leaders in   
  their children’s education and increase their capacity to support early literacy.
* Career advancement and upskilling for Black early care providers to lead language-rich, developmentally appropriate and culturally affirming care.

**This grant program prioritizes:**

* Early care provided outside of traditional education systems,   
  including family resource centers and community spaces. While   
  traditional systems (i.e. public and private preschools or Head Start programs) do not qualify for this opportunity, organizations that partner with them are welcome to apply.
* Programs with deep connections to informal care providers or Family, Friend and Neighbor care.
* Diverse organizations and providers that reflect the neighborhood and communities they serve.
* Work happening in the Oakland flatlands, especially neighborhoods experiencing disinvestment and the displacement of BIPOC communities.
* **Grant Period**\*
  + January 1, 2025-December 31, 2025, for grantees who choose a **12-month grant period**.
  + January 1, 2025-December 31, 2026, for grantees who choose a **24-month grant period**.
* **Grant Amount Requested:** Applicants can request up to $100,000. The grant amount requested may not exceed more than 30% of the organization’s last closed fiscal year budget (the amount you entered in "Last Year's Annual Budget"), and should reflect project scope, organization size and true cost of services. \*
* **Project Title**\*
* **Funding Type Requested**\*
  + ***Project Support:*** *Project support is restricted funding for specific programs, initiatives or projects undertaken by an organization. This funding could include relevant expenses such as compensation, materials, marketing/communications, and reasonable administrative fees and overhead costs.*
  + ***General Operating Support:*** *General operating support offers flexible and unrestricted funding to uphold an organization's mission rather than targeting a specific project or program. It sustains day-to-day operations and ongoing activities according to the organization's discretion. Opting for this support necessitates robust alignment between the applicant's mission and the Foundation's mission, focus areas, and priorities.*
* **Which focus area(s) does your work align with? [Choose all that apply**]**.** \*
  + Supporting children to expand their vocabulary and comprehension skills and increase confidence in listening and speaking.
  + Opportunities that recognize parents and caregivers as leaders in their children’s education and increase their capacity to support early literacy.
  + Career advancement and upskilling for early care Black providers to lead developmentally appropriate and culturally affirming care.
* **What current gaps within Oakland’s ECE ecosystem are you intending to address or alleviate?**\*
* **Project Summary:** Please summarize your project’s activities and goals over the grant period, as well as the alignment with the chosen ECS focus area(s). Include how early language and literacy development is centered in your work**.**\*
* **Stakeholder Engagement:** \*
  + What specific community or communities do you intend to serve?
  + How will you engage/enroll them, and how do you collect and incorporate their feedback? Please include any relationships or connections with informal care providers or FFNs.

# Financials

* **Total Project Cost**\*

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* **Project Budget Upload**\*
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  + Use your own project budget, or our sample project budget template.
* **Organizational Budget Upload\***
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