



BEST BEGINNINGS

Alaska's Early Childhood Investment

Request for Applications

2009 Early Childhood Partnerships

Application Period: June 5, 2009 – July 2, 2009

Grant Period: August 1, 2009 – July 31, 2010

Best Beginnings announces funding for community-based early childhood Partnerships as part of the development of a statewide early childhood system. This system will result in improved collaboration at the state level and increased decision-making at the local level. Best Beginnings is the statewide public-private partnership that mobilizes people and resources to ensure all Alaska children begin school ready to succeed.

Eligible Applicants

Advocates and groups interested in establishing or enhancing an early childhood Partnership in their defined service area are encouraged to apply. A Partnership service area is a school district, or other geographic area as determined in conjunction with Best Beginnings.

What Will Be Funded

Applications that will result in long-term, sustainable early childhood Partnerships that have measureable outcomes will be funded.

Deadline for Grant Applications

Applications need to be submitted or postmarked by midnight, July 2, 2009.

Method of Submission

Applications are to be submitted to Best Beginnings via e-mail, fax, or mail, in order to be considered.

E-mail: mmyers@akhf.org

Fax: 907.297.3304

US Mail: Melinda Myers, Senior Manager
Best Beginnings
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Pre-submission Teleconference

The teleconference will be held on June 17, 2009, and will provide an opportunity for applicants to discuss questions regarding the application process. Please contact Melinda Myers at mmyers@akhf.org for call-in information.

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Total Funding Available

Total funding of \$50,000 has been allocated for this effort. The maximum award for any one Partnership will be \$10,000.

Application Evaluation Process and Criteria

The Best Beginnings Allocations Committee will meet on July 13, 2009, and select awardees. The following criteria will be used for scoring:

Evaluation Criteria for Applications	New	Existing
Overview of Service Area and Community Partnerships The application clearly addresses each question in this section. (5 points per question)	40	40
Partnership Roster Membership represents a broad spectrum of individuals, businesses, organizations, etc.	10	10
Outcomes Outcomes are clearly defined and measurable.	10	10
Sustainability Application outlines how the Partnership will be sustained for the long-term.	10	10
Budget The application includes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • expense projections • expense narrative • revenue projections • revenue narrative • in-kind contributions 	20	20
Letters of Support From Partnership Members, Allied Organizations, or Others	10	10
Total Points Possible	100	100

Awards Announced

July 15, 2009

Funds Distribution

Funds will be distributed upon execution of a Memorandum of Agreement between Best Beginnings and successful applicants.

Grant Reporting Requirements

Two reports will be required – an interim report and a final report.

For Applications

Visit BestBeginningsAlaska.org, or contact Melinda Myers, Senior Manager, via e-mail at mmyers@akhf.org, or by calling 907.563.1923.

Questions

All questions should be directed to:

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