

Iowa Community Empowerment Funding

EARLY CHILDHOOD GRANTS--The state legislature appropriates federal Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF) funds for community grants to enhance the quality and capacity of child care through:

- Regular child care and provider recruitment;
 - Child care for mildly ill;
 - 2nd and 3rd shift child care;
 - Provider training; and
 - Support registration and licensure.
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- ✓ Early Childhood grants are awarded to all Community Empowerment Areas via a formula that is based on the number of FIP cases per county
 - ✓ Community Empowerment Area administrative expenditures are limited to 5 percent of the Early Childhood Grant award
 - ✓ Funds are federal dollars

The funding history for the Early Childhood Grants:

FY 1999	\$1,610,076
FY 2000	\$3,737,649
FY 2001	\$6,283,632
FY 2002	\$6,283,632
FY 2003	\$6,283,632
FY 2004	\$7,261,647

SCHOOL READY GRANTS—The state legislature appropriates General Funds (and HITT funds in 02 and 03) for community grants to support comprehensive services for children ages zero through five including:

- Preschool and child care
 - Parent support
 - Family home visitation
 - Parent education
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- ✓ School Ready grants are distributed via two methods; 27 areas are based on grant application and 31 areas are based on formula funding
 - ✓ Community Empowerment Areas are encouraged to strive toward 60% of the funding to focus on home visitation and parent support programs
 - ✓ Community Empowerment Areas administrative expenditures are limited to 3 percent
 - ✓ Office of Empowerment is allocated \$200,000
 - ✓ Funds are state dollars
 - ✓ \$1,153,250 from Healthy Iowans Tobacco Trust in FY 02 and FY 03; and \$2,153,250 in FY 04

The funding history for School Ready Grants

FY 1999	\$5,200,000
FY 2000	\$10,400,000
FY2001	\$15,600,000
FY 2002	\$15,817,247
FY 2003	\$14,877.962 (-2.5% Across the Board Reduction) = \$15,667,962)