



# Early Childhood Education Infrastructure Expansion Grant Questions and Answers

## Infrastructure & Eligibility

**Q: Does a mobile or portable classroom qualify as an eligible "infrastructure expansion" under SB 460?**

**A:** Yes, newly available space qualifies as long as it meets all Nevada Child Care Licensing requirements. Please note that while portable (modular) buildings may be permitted, "classrooms on wheels" (strictly mobile units not permanently installed) are not allowable, as the expectation is for the structure to meet full licensing standards.

**Q: Does the state consider a mobile/portable classroom identical to a permanent structure for the purposes of the \$150,000 per 800 sq. ft. formula?**

**A:** Yes. Because the funding restrictions are set in law (SB 460), the formula remains consistent regardless of the structure type. The critical requirement is that the classroom must meet and pass Nevada Child Care Licensing requirements.

**Q: Can a mobile classroom realistically meet the construction/installation timeline to be completed by June 30, 2026? If yes, what they require as proof (vendor timelines, contracts, etc.)**

**A:** This would be the responsibility of the applicant to clarify in their narrative, and these requirements are outlined in the Notice of Funding Opportunity.

**Q: Does the classroom need to be permanently anchored to qualify?**

**A:** Portables are allowed; however, strict "classrooms on wheels" are not. The new classrooms are expected to fully meet childcare licensing requirements, which generally precludes non-stationary vehicles.

**Q: Can a site apply if it is not currently Nevada Ready! Pre-K (NR!PK) provider?**

**A:** Yes, a site may apply if it commits to joining Nevada Ready! Pre-K program in the next school year. However, the subgrantee assumes the risk; if the site fails to meet the expectation of becoming a provider, the subgrantee assumes full financial liability.

**Q: Is this grant only open to rural districts?**

**A:** No. This grant opportunity is open to all interested districts that commit to expanding or starting Nevada Ready! Pre-K programs within their counties.



**Q: Can organizations, including CDFIs (non-profits), apply for the grant on behalf of potential partnering centers?**

**A:** Yes, provided they are applying under their status as a non-profit organization.

## Allowable Costs & Funding

**Q: If modular/portable classrooms are permissible, what costs are covered (e.g., delivery, site prep, utilities, permitting)?**

**A:** This grant operates on a reimbursement basis; the subgrantee must expend funds first and submit for reimbursement. Eligible costs are strictly limited to infrastructure expansion. Operational costs, such as obtaining permits, are considered internal expenses and are the responsibility of the center.

**Q: Do utility connections (water, sewer, electricity) count as allowable infrastructure costs?**

**A:** Yes, utility creation costs may be allowable if they are within the parameters of expanding beyond existing service capacity. These funds are not intended for existing major infrastructure repairs or deferred maintenance.

**Q: Can we apply to improve flooring, paint, plumbing, etc., or is the grant strictly for new construction?**

**A:** Requests for improvements such as flooring or paint are eligible only if they are clearly outlined to support the expansion of existing Nevada Ready! Pre-K programs. Repairs must be directly tied to increasing service capacity.

**Q: Will the grant cover transportation costs for the 2026–2027 school year?**

**A:** No. SB 460 does not allow funding for transportation.

**Q: Does the grant cover costs for preliminary quotes or manufacturing lead times?**

**A:** Applicants must address timelines, including manufacturing lead times, in their application narrative. Please note that any preliminary quotes or costs charged by a construction agency prior to the award are not eligible for funding.



## Timeline & Compliance

**Q: What is the timeline for spending the grant funds?**

**A:** Per SB 460, Section 73.3, funds must be **committed** by June 30, 2026, and fully **expended** by September 18, 2026.

**Q: Is a letter of intent or partnership agreement required for the application?**

**A:** There is no specific form required in the grant application. However, the subgrantee's signature on the certifications and grant assurances is legally binding. Funding may be revoked at any time if an applicant fails to comply with internal protocols.

**Q: Can a site qualify if it is currently in the process of opening but not yet open?**

**A:** Yes, provided that the process of opening does not supplant existing funding (public or private) designated to cover the cost of opening the new space.

**Q: Can we offer services to 3-year-olds in these classrooms?**

**A:** No. These facilities and programs must be exclusive to four-year-old programs that are outlined in the Nevada Ready State-Opere-K requirements.