



# Early Childhood Education Facilities Expansion Grant Questions and Answers

**Q: Does a mobile or portable classroom qualify as an eligible "facilities 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 is not part of Nevada Ready! Pre-K program as the grant is available for expansions that are not focused on Pre-K. The goal of the grant is to expand access to early childhood education programs to underserved communities, which can encompass more than Pre-K.

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



**A:** No. This grant opportunity is open to all interested districts, nonprofits organizations, NSHE institutions or sponsors of charter schools that commit to expanding or starting early childhood education programs within their counties.

**Q: Applications for this grant must focus on a single facility expansion, or can a single application include expansion projects across multiple locations.**

**A:** You may submit an application with projects for multiple locations so long as it adhere the spatial and deadline requirements indicated in the Notice of funding Opportunity. The decision is up to the applicant.

**Q: How many applications can we submit? Is there a limit?**

**A:** There is no limit to the number of applications you submit.

**Q: Is there an expectation that the funds be used to open additional services (serve more children)?**

**A:** Yes, the goal of the grant is to serve more children with quality early childhood education opportunities.

**Q: If construction is incomplete due to delays or bids, is there potential for no cost extensions?**

**A:** No, all expenditure should be made by June 30, 2027.

**Q: Are we limited to one project per application? Or can we put several projects into one application?**

**A:** You may submit an application with multiple projects so long as it adhere the spatial requirements indicated in the Notice of Funding Opportunity. The decision is up to the applicant.

**Q: Is playground-ground equipment allowable?**

**A:** Yes, but the expansion of programs to children must be clearly and objectively justified by the applicant so the review committee may make determination based on facts presented in an application.

**Q: Is the playground square footage included in our total square footage or is it just the indoor space?**

**A:** Yes, all square footage should be accounted for, both indoor and outdoor.

**Q: Are you able to use the funds to purchase a building**



**A:** Yes, but would it be realistic to purchase a building and make the required changes to ensure the building meets all early childcare requirements, while adhering to the \$150,000.00 per 800 square foot allowable spatial amount.

**Q: Attachment D asks for policies and ledgers, is that required for an application?**

**A:** Yes, If an applicant is new to NDE grants and has never received a fiscal evaluation and audit by the student compliance division for generating a pre-award assessment.