



Requester Information

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Section 1: Requester Details

Description:

4.5 million ongoing request. This appropriation will support children birth to three with disabilities and developmental delays. Funding for the Baby Watch Early Intervention program, (Special Education for infants and toddlers), has not sustained the needed services. The per visit reimbursement rate has remained flat since 2017 causing high caseloads and increased turnover. Early Intervention helps these children catch back up to their same-aged peers before they enter school and have a need for Pre K-12 Special Education services.

Legislative designee contact information:

Name: Joseph Petersen

Organization: Kids on the Move

Position: VP of Grant Services

Section 2: Funding Information

How will the appropriation be used?

Category		One-time	Ongoing
Personnel Services	2026:	\$0.00	\$4,500,000.00
	2027:	\$0.00	
In-State Travel	2026:	\$0.00	\$0.00
	2027:	\$0.00	
Out-of-State Travel	2026:	\$0.00	\$0.00
	2027:	\$0.00	



Sustaining Special Education - Infants and Toddlers

Social Services

Category	One-time	Ongoing	
Supplies and Equipment	2026:	\$0.00	\$0.00
	2027:	\$0.00	
Technology Purchases	2026:	\$0.00	\$0.00
	2027:	\$0.00	
Infrastructure/Capital Investments	2026:	\$0.00	\$0.00
	2027:	\$0.00	
Other Charges/Pass Thru	2026:	\$0.00	\$0.00
	2027:	\$0.00	

Expenditure Total

One-time 2026	One-time 2027	Ongoing 2027
\$0.00	\$0.00	\$4,500,000.00

Funding Sources:

General Fund

Amount Requested:

2026 (One-time)	\$0.00
2027 (One-time)	\$0.00
2027 (Ongoing)	\$4,500,000.00

Revenue Total

One-time 2026	One-time 2027	Ongoing 2027
\$0.00	\$0.00	\$4,500,000.00

Is this a multi-year project?

No



Is this project scalable if the Legislature does not fund the full requested amount?

Yes

A short explanation describing how the project might be scaled?

This appropriation helps to catch up from previous years of under funding. The 4.5M helps to bridge some of the gap in services. If this appropriation were to be scaled back, the services given would be affected in relation to the scale back.

Section 3: Agency Information

Subjects:

Health and Wellbeing

Agency:

250 / Department of Health and Human Services

Type of entity to receive pass-through funding:

State Government

Grant recipient

Yes

Requested Direct Award Grant Recipient

Baby Watch Early Intervention Program in the Dept of Health and Human Services

Section 4: Performance Outcome Measurement

Who would benefit the most from this request (who is the target audience)?

15,764 children statewide. Children birth to three and their families with disabilities and/or developmental delays.



What is this project or program intended to accomplish?

Meet the monthly individualized child service needs for the 15,000+ children enrolled. Identify and serve more children early, when intervention is most effective and less costly. Help birth-to-three children catch up to same aged peers before the potential need for PreK-12 Special Education services in Utah school districts.

How will the Legislature know whether the project or program achieved its intended purpose?

1. We will measure the number of children served statewide by the 14 Part C programs. This will be able to be accomplished using the BTOTS data management system and will be compared for FY25 and FY26 (pre funding) vs FY27 and FY28 (post funding).
2. We will measure the number of visits per child statewide by the 14 Part C programs. This will be able to be accomplished using the BTOTS data management system and will be compared for FY25 and FY26 (pre funding) vs FY27 and FY28 (post funding).
3. We will measure the number of new/returning positions filled using the funding through this RFA. We will collect this data from each program at the end of FY27 to see the immediate impact of the funding.

Section 5: Other Supporting Documents

Intent Language Documents

Previous Funding Documents

Full Time Employees

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