



Bridge to Kindergarten FUNDING OPPORTUNITY



Bridge to Kindergarten is a five county initiative funded by the Four Rivers Early Learning Hub. The Four Rivers Early Learning Hub Governance Board voted to award grants up to \$835 each to all 17 elementary schools in Hood River, Gilliam, Sherman, Wasco and Wheeler Counties. The purpose of these funds are to support and/or fund family nights at the elementary school for children entering kindergarten in the fall. The funds originate from the Early Learning Division of Oregon’s Department of Education and are designated for services that assist children in becoming ready for and successful in kindergarten.

ACCESSING THE FUNDS!

Principals of elementary schools are invited to complete simple funding application form found on the second page of this announcement and return it by March 24, 2017. The goal is to fund EVERY elementary school in the region with these resources.

Funds are to be used in ways that support the participation of families who may not traditionally attend these events. Ideas include but are not limited to:

- Interpretation for families whose home language is Spanish
- Kinder Ready Activity kits (in English and Spanish) to encourage summer activities with preschoolers
- Providing a healthy meal in order to recruit and support family attendance, while at the same time eating together and interacting with school staff.
- Teacher time to attend family night and meet preschoolers who will be in their class in the fall.

On behalf of the Four Rivers Early Learning Hub Board, thank you for all you do to support the early success of children in your district! We appreciate you and look forward to continued support of your work!

TIMELINE

Application OPEN
Now- March 24

Flyer and Marketing Materials produced
March 27- April 10

Warm Marketing Launch (childcare & preschools)
April 10 -14

Grand Marketing Launch (families)
April 17-28

Bridge to Kindergarten Events
May

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