

**Great Start Readiness Program (GSRP)
Formula Grantee
Enhanced Funding Options**

When the entire grant award has been disbursed, grantees remain on the calculation worksheet in descending order. As funds are returned from grantees in the form of unfilled slots, these funds are redistributed in the form of "Enhanced Allocation Offers" beginning with the grantee where the funding ran out. This process continues throughout the fiscal year as slots are returned to the Michigan Department of Education. For more detail on the GSRP funding process, please see the *Formula Funding Procedure* posted on the program website at www.michigan.gov.gsrp.

Because the 2009-10 GSRP grant award was not sufficient to complete round two of the allocation process, which is the round in which hold-harmless guarantees are met, enhanced funding offers will be made in a two step process this year. First, hold-harmless guarantees will be met for all grantees, then additional offers will be made working towards complete round three.

Third round enhanced funding is calculated by subtracting the number of slots currently funded from the number of slots requested to arrive at a number of slots still needed. The number of slots still needed is then multiplied by the amount per child. Grantees in the first year of a three-year funding cycle that do not address supplemental and comprehensive child care do not receive third round funding, regardless of the documented free lunch percentage.

Funding Implications:

Districts may use the GSRP allocation:

1. To absorb the reduction in per-pupil funding instead of GSRP or
2. To expand programming rather than enhance existing programming. GSRP funding is tied to additional, previously unfunded children, or new Parent Involvement in Education (PIE) programming. In this case, please note that:
 - a. PIE remains capped at the amount spent on this option in the previous fiscal year.
 - b. School Districts/Public School Academies (PSA) which accept enhanced funding and fill enhanced slots elevate the district's "hold harmless" base amount for the subsequent year.
 - c. Carryover is allowed through June 30 of the succeeding fiscal year.
 - d. Enhanced funding is provided at the same per-child amount as in the original award of the current fiscal year.

Accepting Funds:

Modify the current GSRP Formula application in the Michigan Electronic Grant System (MEGS). A person having Level 4 or 5 MEGS access completes modifications.

1. Click SAVE on Project Fact Sheet; this pulls the enhanced allocation into item 1a. SAVE screen again after making changes:
 - a. Part-Day programs review/adjust data on 1d, 2b and 2d.
 - b. Full-Day programs review/adjust data on 1e, 2b and 2d.
 - c. Home-Based programs review/adjust data on 1f.
 - d. Grantees implementing PIE review/adjust data on 1i, 2e and 2f.
 - e. Grantees choosing to use GSRP funds to absorb the per pupil reduction, review/adjust 1j. Before applying GSRP funds toward per pupil reductions, each district should consider implications for future GSRP allocations. Please see the FAQ document on the GSRP website at www.michigan.gov/gsrp.
2. There is no requirement to submit a revised Participating Resolution.
3. Budget Summary must match data on the Project Fact Sheet. Modify the budget detail, reflecting intent to utilize the entire enhanced allocation.
4. Adjust other application pages as needed, i.e., staff screens, Center-Based Classrooms screen, Facility, etc. SAVE changes on each screen.
5. Submit revised application.

Implementation:

GSRP Program Options include:

- 1) Enroll additional children - Grantees should begin by documenting the maximum number of slots filled in the current program year. Count slots that have been vacated and then filled from the waiting list as separate slots filled.
- 2) Reimbursement - If grantees have enrolled and served children above their originally awarded GSRP slots in a classroom which meets GSRP requirements and the grantee has documentation that those children are eligible for the GSRP, the enhanced award may be used to compensate the School District/PSA for provisions of those services. Any tuition which parents have incurred for preschool services is to be refunded.
- 3) Subcontract - Grantees that subcontract with an approved child development program are to insure high-quality implementation. Follow GSRP guidelines regarding, class size, staff qualifications, etc., as outlined in the *Great Start Readiness Program Implementation Manual* at: www.michigan.gov/gsrp. This option may work well for districts that do not have access to district facilities or staff over the summer.
- 4) Enhance the PIE option - The total PIE amount may not exceed the PIE amount spent by a School District/PSA in the previous fiscal year.
- 5) For enhanced funding offers which are received after February 28:

- a) Extended School Year Option: recruit and enroll additional children into the program through the end of June of the current program year.
- b) Summer Programming:
 - i) Summer Center-Based Option: 200 teacher-child contact hours and two parent contacts are required. Other requirements are as outlined in the *Great Start Readiness Program Implementation Manual* at www.michigan.gov/gsrp. Enrollment ideas include: children on current GSRP waiting list, previously unserved children identified at local “kindergarten roundup” who may benefit from preschool experience, children exiting from other child development programs (i.e., Head Start, Early Childhood Special Education, Title I Preschool, community preschools).
 - ii) Summer Home-Based Option: Two home visits per week for six weeks and one cluster meeting per week are required. Other program requirements are as outlined in the *Great Start Readiness Program Implementation Manual* at: www.michigan.gov/gsrp. This option may work well for districts that do not have access to district facilities or staff over the summer. Enrollment ideas include: children on current GSRP waiting list, previously unserved children identified at local “kindergarten roundup” who may benefit from preschool experience, children exiting from other child development programs (i.e., Head Start, Early Childhood Special Education, Title I Preschool, and community preschools).

For questions, please contact your GSRP Consultant at the Office of Early Childhood Education and Family Services at (517) 373-8483. A map of Consultant assignments can be found at www.michigan.gov/gsrp.