

Governor’s Early Childhood Advisory Council Smart Investment #3:
Expand Public-Private Partnership Network of Local Early Childhood Coalitions
Implementation & Financial Commitment

Implementation

- **New Grants:** Local early childhood coalitions would be able to apply for funds to assist them in building capacity to leverage community resources. Local coalitions would be able to use the funds to support the staff time and other organizational requirements necessary for targeted and comprehensive community outreach. These funds would not be used to support early childhood programs directly, but, instead, would be used by coalitions to build capacity to raise local funds.
- **Supplemental Support:** The purpose of the supplemental grants is to allow coalitions who have already received the larger initial grant to have the opportunity for continued support if they qualify. These additional grants would be for significantly lower amounts and are not intended to be part of the sustainability plan required of the initial grants. Coalitions could apply for these funds as additional support in order to bridge a gap in funding between the large grant support and a fully implemented sustainability plan. It would allow for a step-down in funding from fully grant supported to self-sustaining.
- **State Level Infrastructure:** The state would provide the tools and resources the local coalitions need to ensure that they are able to engage their communities around the importance of supporting quality in early childhood. This includes maintaining CETE Network, coordinating networking and professional development events, and managing staffing and the grants.

Financial Commitment

The Council recommends allocating \$1 million per year in new funding to support and strengthen the long-term viability of the Public-Private Network. For each of the first five years, the funds would be used as follows:

Action	Amount
Award seven new grants, averaging \$95,000 each	\$665,000
Provide \$25,000 in supplemental support to the six existing grantees	\$150,000
Infrastructure and support of hub serving each new community grantee	\$185,000
Total:	\$1,000,000