



Application Template for 2026 Parent Pathways Grant Program

This is **not** the official grant application. This is a template provided to help applicants collaborate with partners, organize submission information, and draft responses prior to completing the application in the PDE eGrants system.

Parent Pathways grant applications must be submitted starting Monday, January 12, 2026, via the PDE eGrants system and will close no later than 5:00 PM on Friday, February 6, 2026. Grant agreement period is June 1, 2026 – June 30, 2027.

To apply:

1. Review the [2026 Parent Pathways Grant Request for Application](#). All applicants must meet the requirements outlined in this document.
2. If you do not have access to [eGrants](#), please request access by filling out the [eGrants Request](#) Form. Please allow at least one week after submission of this form to obtain access.
3. Review the application questions below and coordinate with partner(s) to answer the application questions.
4. Only one proposal will be accepted from each institution. Applicants may not apply as a consortium. For campuses with multiple locations, the main campus should complete the application. If awarded, funds may be distributed to additional locations as deemed appropriate.
5. Applications that do not include all required information as stated on the application will not be considered for funding.
6. PDE reserves the right to contact applicants to request or recommend amendments to the proposal or budget for further consideration of the grant application.
7. Direct questions to RA-EDPPLN@pa.gov.
8. Submit the completed application via the [eGrants](#) system by 5:00 PM on Friday, February 6, 2026.

Area 1. Applicant Information

1. Institution Name:
2. Mailing Address:
3. City:
4. State:
5. Zip Code:
6. Project Director Name:
7. Project Director Title:
8. Project Director Email Address:
9. Project Director Phone Number:
10. Second Contact Name:

11. Second Contact Title:
12. Second Contact Email Address:
13. Second Contact Phone Number:
14. Number of Enrolled Students:
- *Help Button Text: The institution can use data submitted from their latest IPDES submission.*
15. Number of Parenting Students Living on Campus (if applicable):

Area 2. Program Information

Project Summary

Requested grant amount.

The proposal narrative addresses the institution's specific plans to implement the proposed programs. If the school has an existing program, provide context for how the additional grant funds will be used. If the school does not have an existing program, provide details as to how the process will work. These should also be related to the policy recommendations of the Parent Pathways Learning Network which include Data, Food and Housing Security, Child Care, and Financial Aid. Institutions are encouraged to upload letters of commitment for proposed partners and how they will be instrumental in the execution of the proposed goals/objectives. The narrative should also address how their IHE supports their parenting learners and how they are planning to implement or expand support in the coming year.

With the grant funds, please outline the criteria areas that you will focus on. Criteria dropdown choices are - *Parent Services Funding, Parenting Student Scholarships, Emergency Funding*

Criteria	Criteria Area	Goals/Objectives	Baseline Date	Projected Outcomes	Projected Amount of Funds

How are parenting students identified?

Area 3. Budget

Budget Narrative

Provide an explanation of the proposed budget items and how they relate to the objectives of your proposal. Ensure that the budget narrative demonstrates how funds will be used equitably for supporting the highest-risk community members.

Instruction - Provide a budget that demonstrates fiscally sound allocation of funds to successfully provide activities related directly to the Parent Pathways program initiatives. When completing the budget, refer to the chart below for acceptable cost functions and object codes.

- *Help Button Text: Round amounts to the nearest whole dollar. All budgets will be reviewed to evaluate appropriateness and connection to proposed grant activities and goals.*

Function	Object	Description of Services	Total Amount

Purchased Professional and Technical Services - Provide a budget that demonstrates fiscally sound allocation of funds to successfully provide activities related directly to the Parent Pathways program initiatives. When completing the budget, refer to the chart below for acceptable cost functions and object codes.

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Function	Object	Description of Services	Total Amount

Contracted Services - Provide a budget that demonstrates fiscally sound allocation of funds to successfully provide activities related directly to the Parent Pathways program initiatives. When completing the budget, refer to the chart below for acceptable cost functions and object codes.

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Function	Object	Description of Services	Total Amount

Supplies - Provide a budget that demonstrates fiscally sound allocation of funds to successfully provide activities related directly to the Parent Pathways program initiatives. When completing the budget, refer to the chart below for acceptable cost functions and object codes.

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Function	Object	Description of Services	Total Amount

Equipment - Provide a budget that demonstrates fiscally sound allocation of funds to successfully provide activities related directly to the Parent Pathways program initiatives. When completing the budget, refer to the chart below for acceptable cost functions and object codes.

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Function	Object	Description of Services	Total Amount

Budget Summary - Displays a read-only table showing totals by function/object codes.
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	100 Salaries	200 Benefits	300 Purchased Professional and Technical Services	500 Other Purchased Services	600 Supplies	700 Property	800 Other Objects	Totals
1000 – Instruction	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
2000 – Support Services	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
3000 – Operation of Non-Instructional Services	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Totals	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00

Compliance Obligations

All grantees will be required to sign a grant agreement with the Pennsylvania Department of Education. Once approved, the institution will invoice for payment of the grant. All invoices must be received within 30 calendar days of notification of approval. Institutions are encouraged to expend all grant funds and funds must be spent, and services performed/products received on or before **June 30, 2027**. The Pennsylvania Department of Education shall seek repayment of funds if it determines that funds were not utilized for the original stated and approved purpose. Grantees will be required to submit reports in the eGrants system on forms supplied by the Pennsylvania Department of Education. Final Expenditure Reports must be submitted no later than **July 30, 2027**. Grantees are also expected to participate in Pennsylvania Department of Education research, including staff interviews and student surveys. Are you able to meet these compliance obligations?