

Opportunity for Public Comment on the FFY22 Part C Federal Funds Application

The Cabinet for Health and Family Services announces that the Part C annual application for federal funds authorized by the Individuals with Disabilities Education Improvement Act (IDEA) is available for review and public comment beginning March 10, 2022 through May 9, 2022. These funds support the First Steps program. This annual application to the US Department of Education, Office of Special Education (OSEP) is available to review on the First Steps website at <https://chfs.ky.gov/agencies/dph/dmch/ecdb/Pages/firststeps.aspx> .

The application packet, developed by OSEP, includes a summary of the certifications, policies, procedures, methods, descriptions, assurances, and use of IDEA funds that the state uses to implement Part C of IDEA. Upon receipt and approval of this application, Kentucky will receive a federal grant award of \$6,330,639 for the period of July 1, 2022 through September 30, 2023.

The application is in a format required by OSEP. The costs included in this application only reflects those costs attributable to the federal IDEA Part C funds and not the total cost of the Kentucky Early Intervention System.

The Department for Public Health accepts written comments related to the application through close of business, May 10, 2022. Written comments may be sent to: Paula Goff, Part C Coordinator, CHFS, DPH, 275 E. Main St., HS2WC, Frankfort, KY 40621 or to email address paula.goff@ky.gov.