

Strong Beginnings

Quick Start Guide Section 2: Funding

What is the same?	What is new or different?
Distribution of funds is mostly different	ISD will receive Start-up funds for durable equipment and non-consumable supplies or minor renovations after signing their contract for each new classroom. They will be reimbursed monthly, every other month or quarterly for operational and transportation expenses. Operational budgets are due to CCRESA in September. Invoices are due at least quarterly beginning in December. They will not be paid until the budget is approved.
N/A	Strong Beginnings operates on a July 1-June 30 fiscal year.
Awarding of funds is different	Funds are awarded based on both scores on a rubric used to evaluate proposals submitted by ISDs and site's contributions to a diverse, balanced sample necessary to study program implementation.
Funding is mostly different	Each Strong Beginnings classroom will receive up front \$20,000 for durable equipment and supplies, including child safety restraint systems, or minor renovations the first year of operation. Any individual items or projects over \$5,000 are capital outlay and must receive approval from CCRESA Implementation Consultants. Purchases using Start-up funds must be completed by April 1.
N/A	An ISD will receive a minimum of \$182,000 for each classroom it operates. While it is expected that 14

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	children will be enrolled in each classroom, payments will not be reduced if fewer children are enrolled. Additional small increases in funding may be available in future years.
Transportation Allocation is mostly the same.	A minimum of \$500 per child is available for transportation. Any additional funds will be distributed proportionately so that each ISD receives the same percentage of transportation costs. This distribution is based on ISD cost estimates provided prior to full transportation budgeting.
N/A	Programs must not ask parents to pay for any supplies, food, experiences etc., that are used for children and families enrolled in Strong Beginnings.