

# Strong Beginnings

## QuickStart Guide Section 2: Funding

### **Distribution of funds is mostly different.**

- ISD subcontractors will receive an upfront payment for durable equipment and supplies or minor renovations and be reimbursed at least quarterly for program and transportation expenses.
- Strong Beginnings operates on a July 1-June 30 fiscal year.

### **Source of award funds is mostly different.**

- The Strong Beginnings pilot is funded by the Preschool Development Grant Birth through Five Initiative (PDB B-5), Grant Number 90TP0055 from the Office of Child Care, Administration for Children and Families, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services awarded to MDE. MDE funded CCRESA through a contract and CCRESA awards subcontracts from these funds to ISDs.

### **Awarding of funds is different.**

- Funds were awarded based on both scores on a rubric that were awarded 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 \$15,000 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. Budgets for start-up funds are due 30 days after contract between CCRESA and the ISD. Purchases must be made early enough in the year that the start up FER can be submitted June 1, 2021 for cohort 1.