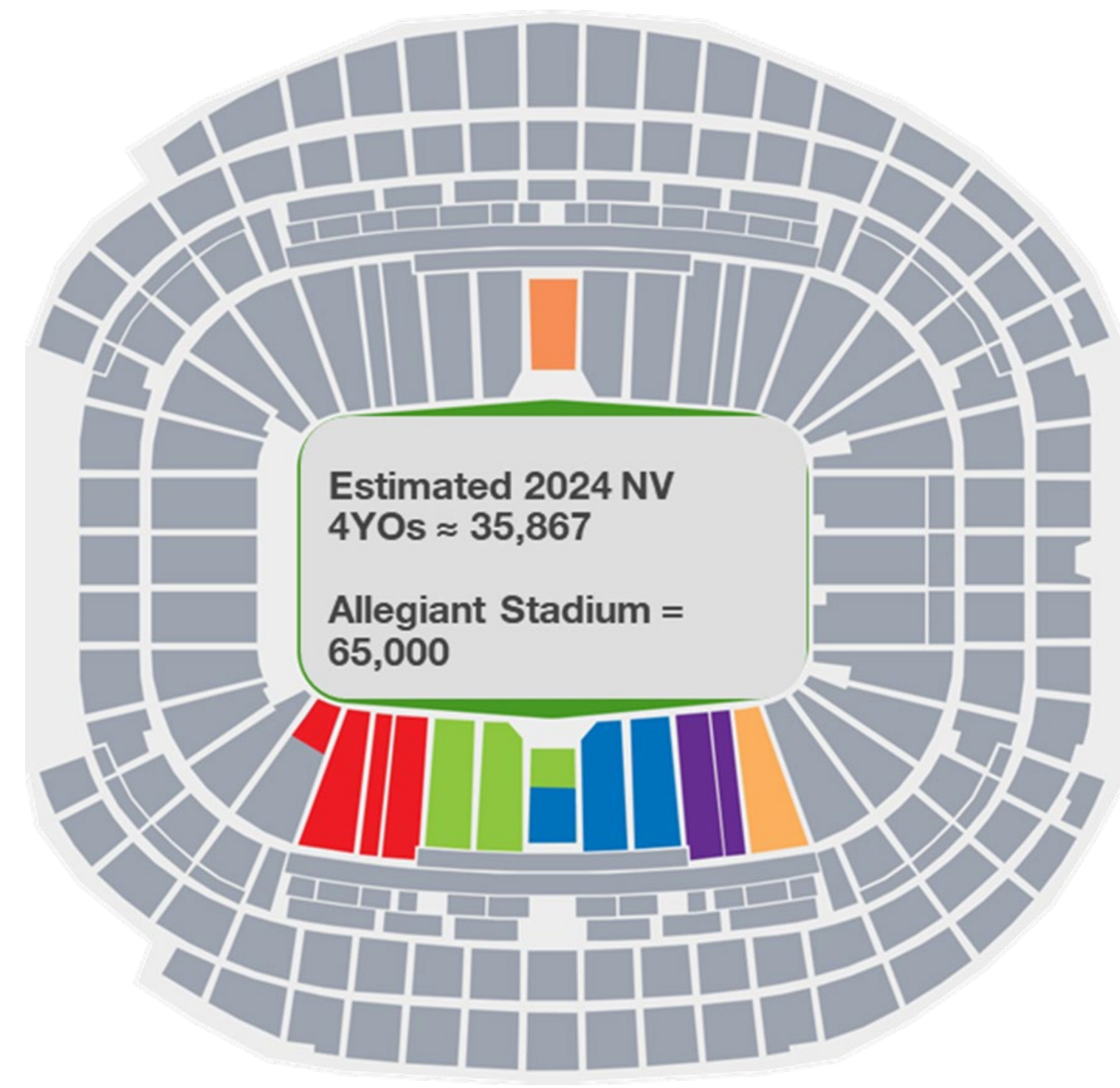
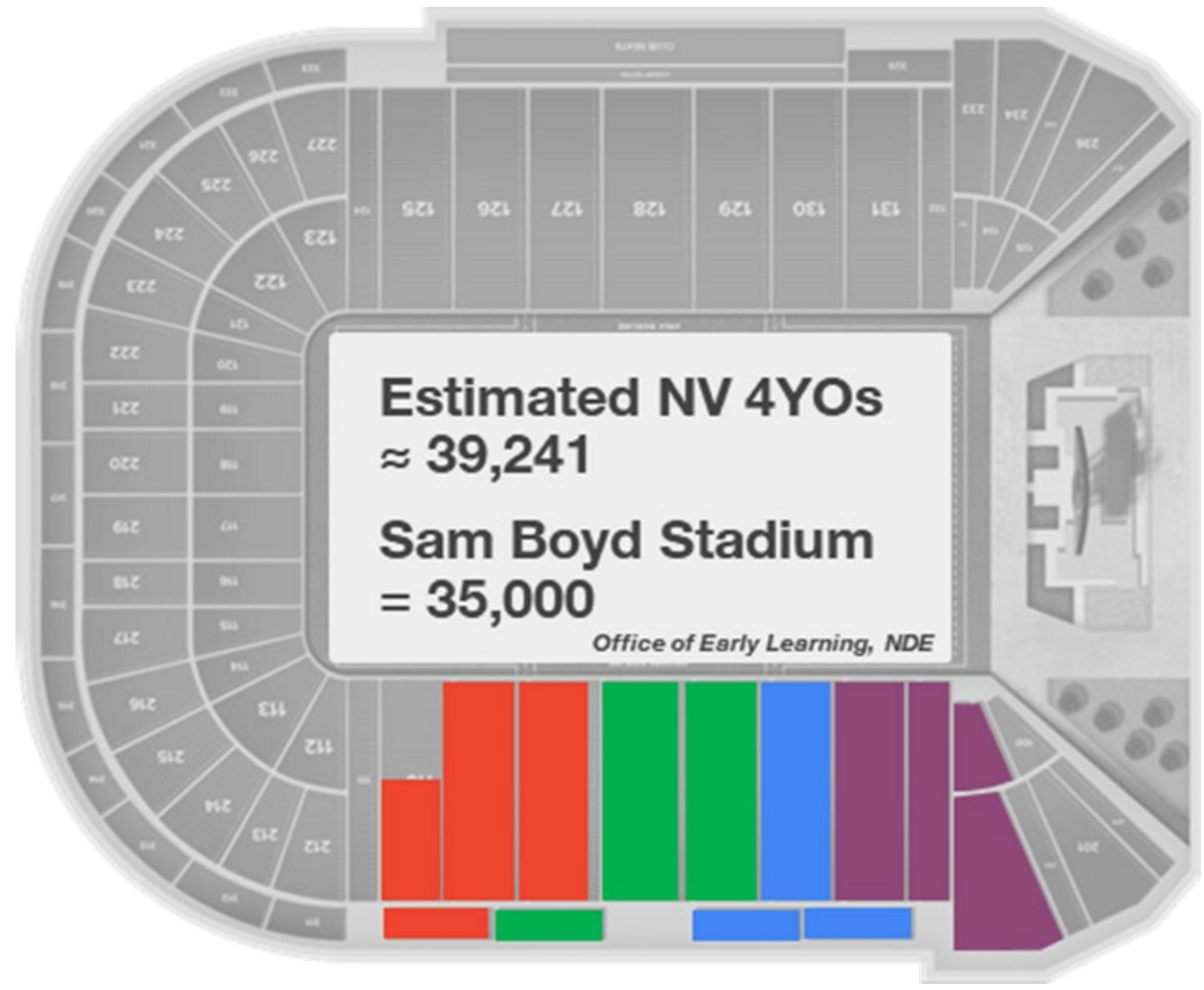


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Comparison of Seats 2022 vs 2024



Access to High-Quality Prekindergarten

- Nevada Ready! State Pre-K (NR!PK)
- 4-year-olds whose families are at or below 200% FPL
- FY24 enrollment = 2,807
- 14 subrecipients/10 counties
- An increase of 13% from previous year
- Early Childhood Innovative Literacy Program (ECILP)
- 3 and 4-year-olds whose families are at or below 250% FPL
- FY24 projected seats = 1,230
- 2 additional new subrecipients (Lander and Lyon School Districts)

Pre-K Subrecipients			
Carson City School District	Great Basin College	Mineral County School District	United Way of Southern Nevada
Churchill County School District	Humboldt County School District	Nye County School District	United Way of Northern Nevada
Clark County School District	Lander County School District	Pershing County School District	Washoe County School District
Community Services Agency	Lyon County School District	State Public Charter School Authority	White Pine School District

NR!PK Growth – Comprehensive Assessment Data

Each assessment showed the same trend across the state: NR!PK students who are living at or below 200% FPL are arriving at school in the fall with under 50% of students meeting or exceeding expectations.

By spring, after 9 months of NR!PK, students experienced incredible gains in developmental progress.



West Ed NR!PK Cost, Equity, and Access Study

Highlights:

- \$8,410 amount was not enough in 4 of the 5 case study counties
- The estimated cost for a pre-k seat incorporating the Consumer Price Index(CPI) is \$9,318
- $\$9,318 \times 3,024 = \$28,177,632$ (allocated NR!PK seats)
- $\$9,318 \times 570 = \$5,311,260$ (allocated ECILP 4's seats)
- $\$9,318 \times 660 = \$5,550,600$ (allocated ECILP 3's seats)
- Total \$39,039,492

Link to WestEd Report: [NR!PK Cost and Equity Study Final Report](#)

Early Childhood Innovative Literacy Program (ECILP) Summary

TOTALS through January 10, 2024

Number of Applicants: 45

Number of Applications: 74

Number of Applications Funded: 54

Total Awarded: \$46,440,028.19

Remaining Funds: \$23,559,971.81

Opportunity 1: funding to expand access to high-quality preschool. This opportunity is open to new and existing Nevada Ready! State Prekindergarten (NR!PK) subrecipients.

Opportunity 2: funding to establish an innovative new program or to expand an existing early literacy program that supports children less than the age of six, their families, and early childhood professionals.

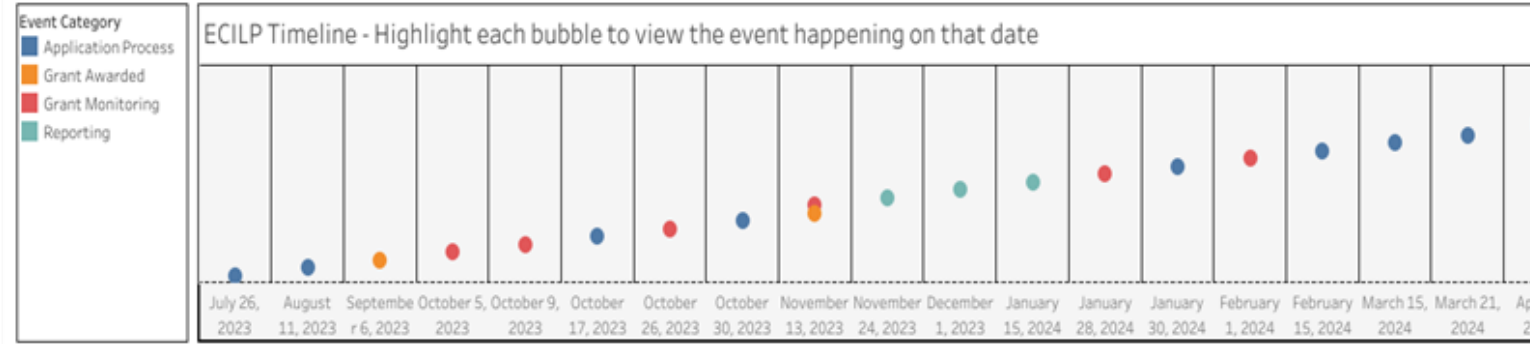
ECILP Dashboard

Home Opportunity 1 Opportunity 2 Opportunity 2 Highlight Info

This dashboard provides information for the Early Childhood Innovative Literacy Program (ECILP). This grant was created by Nevada Governor Joseph Lombardo in 2023 and is an opportunity that "encourages innovative approaches to early childhood education and prioritizes projects that show success in improving literacy and readiness for children under six years of age, as well as those that serve areas with a higher proportion of children in need."

The dashboard is still a work in progress.

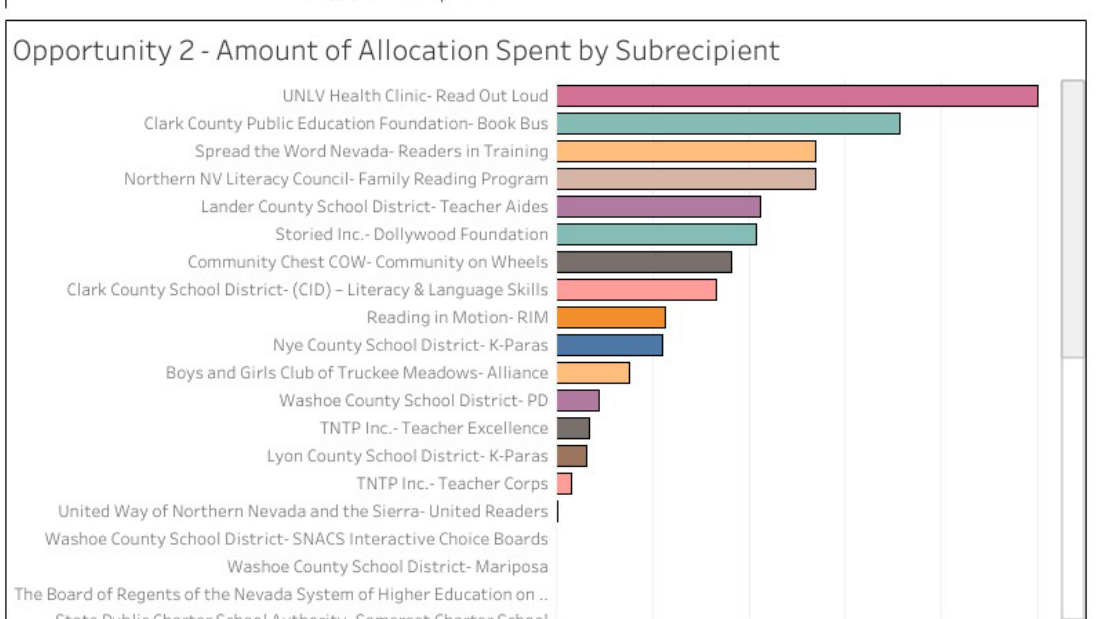
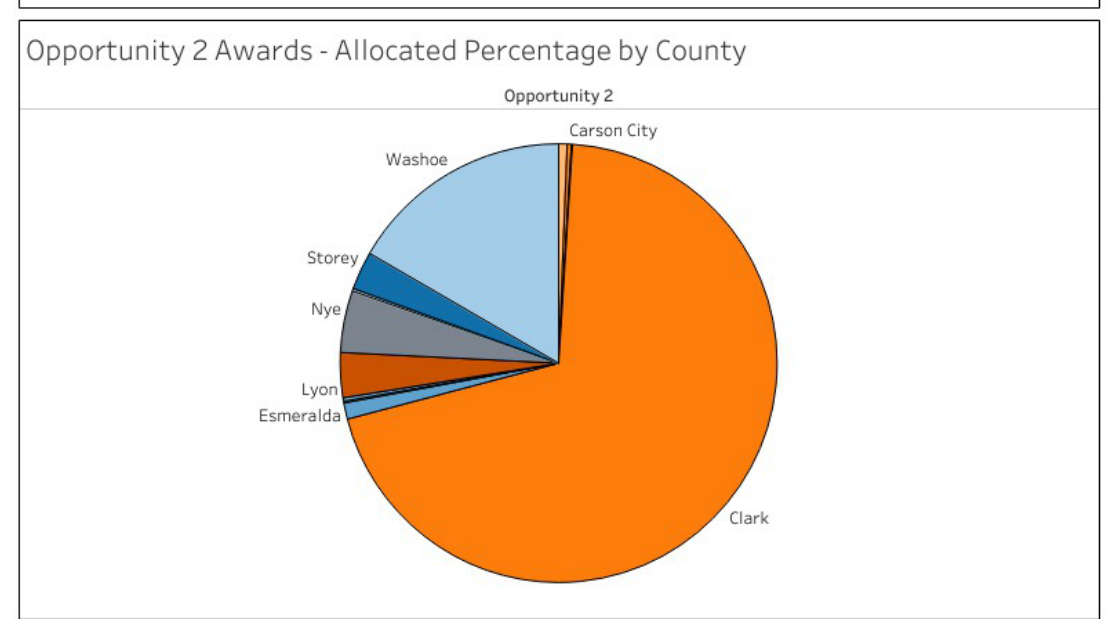
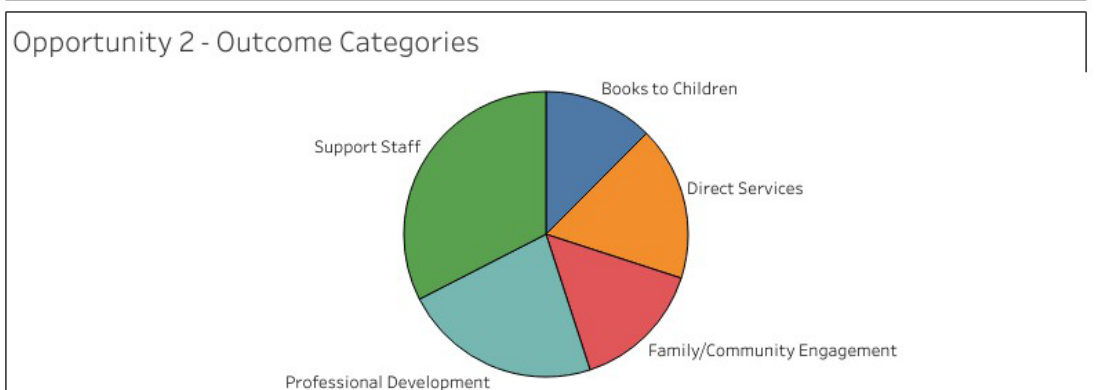
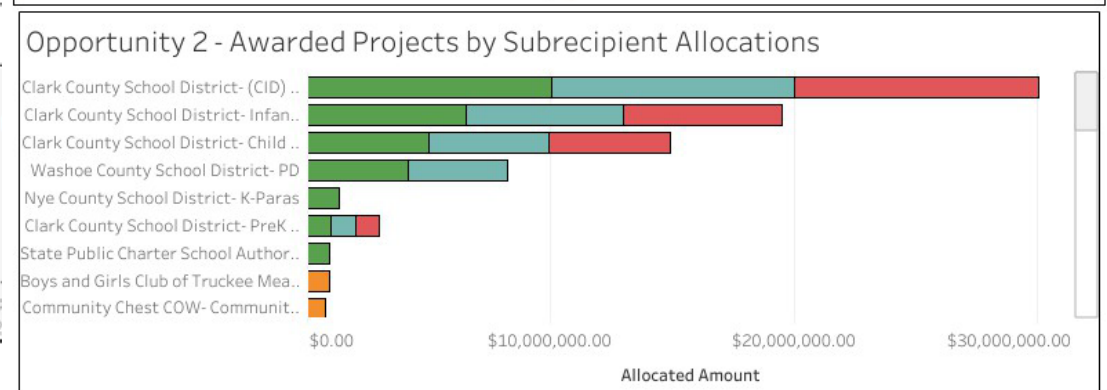
ECILP Year 1 Totals (as of January 2024):		Opportunity 1: funding to expand access to high-quality preschool. This opportunity is open to new and existing Nevada Ready! State Prekindergarten (NRIPK) sub-recipients.		Opportunity 2: funding to establish an innovative new program or to expand an existing early literacy program that supports children less than the age of six, their families, and early childhood professionals.	
Number of Applicants	45	Number of Applicants	14	Number of Applicants	
Number of Applications	75	Number of Applications	18	Number of Applications	
Number of Applications Funded	54	Number of Applications Funded	14	Number of Applications Funded	
Remaining Funds (in \$)	23,501,935	Total Awarded (in \$)	9,064,955	Total Awarded (in \$)	
Total Awarded (in \$)	46,498,065				



Home Opportunity 1 Opportunity 2 Opportunity 2 Highlight Info

Funding Round: All | Awarded Grantees: All

Use the filters to the left to select funding rounds and select ECILP subrecipients for opportunity 2. All funding rounds and subrecipients are selected by default.



Link: [ECILP Dashboard](#)



Review and Next Steps

Barriers

1. Timing of NR!PK funding
2. Current funding does not account for inflation and is insufficient for subrecipients
3. Different eligibility for different Pre-K programs
4. Timing of ECILP funding and awards
5. ECILP competitive application process and program monitoring needs staff
6. No funding for capital costs
7. Lack of qualified teachers

Recommendations

Begin to move Pre-K funding to the Pupil Centered Funding Plan

Adjust \$8,410 to \$9,318 per seat

Align Pre-K eligibility – change in NRS

Allow funding to carry forward and give programs time to ramp up initiatives

One FTE for ECILP grants

There is a need for space (both new and renovated space)

Create a comprehensive early childhood teacher database

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