

# Request for proposals issued for second phase of pre-kindergarten pilot program <sup>[1]</sup>

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The Provincial Government has issued a Request for Proposals (RFP) for not-for-profit organizations to operate the second phase of locations for the Pre-Kindergarten Pilot Program in Newfoundland and Labrador.

Pre-Kindergarten locations are opening in phases throughout the province and will result in the creation of over 3,000 regulated child care spaces in communities throughout the province by March 31, 2026. The Pre-Kindergarten Pilot Program runs full-time, including during the summer months. As a regulated full-day early learning program under the Operating Grant Program, families will pay \$10 per day. YMCA of Newfoundland and Labrador was chosen as the not-for-profit operator for the first phase of the pilot program through the RFP process, and approximately 600 new regulated early learning and child care spaces will be created.

The RFP closes on October 11, 2023. Submissions will be evaluated based on compliance with requirements of the RFP, including experience and an organization's ability to run multiple locations.

This initiative is a part of several actions under the Canada-Newfoundland and Labrador Canada-Wide Early Learning and Child Care Agreement.

Information on tenders and requests for proposals issued and awarded by the department and other public bodies is available by visiting [www.merx.com/govnl](http://www.merx.com/govnl) <sup>[3]</sup>.

"It is with great excitement that I announce the release of the new RFP process for the development of the second phase of the Pre-Kindergarten Pilot Program. I encourage all not-for-profit organizations to submit a proposal and to be a part of this important program for children in our province."

Honourable Krista Lynn Howell  
Minister of Education

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