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President Obama set aside about \$500 million of RTTT funds for states to develop and expand their early childhood programs, including 4K. 35 states applied, and there were 9 large-sum awards to be disbursed over 4-year periods.

State	Requested Funding (FY 2011 Funds)
California	\$75,000,000[1]
Delaware	\$49,878,774
Maryland	\$49,999,143
Massachusetts	\$50,000,000
Minnesota	\$44,858,313
North Carolina	\$69,991,121
Ohio	\$69,993,362
Rhode Island	\$50,000,000
Washington	\$60,000,000

The next round invited the next 5 highest-scoring states to participate, spending the about \$130+ million.

State	Requested Funding (FY 2012 Funds and FY13 Supplement)
Colorado	\$44,888,832
Illinois	\$52,498,043
New Mexico	\$37,500,000
Oregon	\$30,763,353
Wisconsin	\$34,052,084

This round makes available about \$280 million for additional funds to be awarded in the \$35 million - \$75 million range to be disbursed over 4 years. This is ostensibly to create early childhood education programs that the state would have to fund after the grant award was exhausted.

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