

# Fund for Sustaining Quality



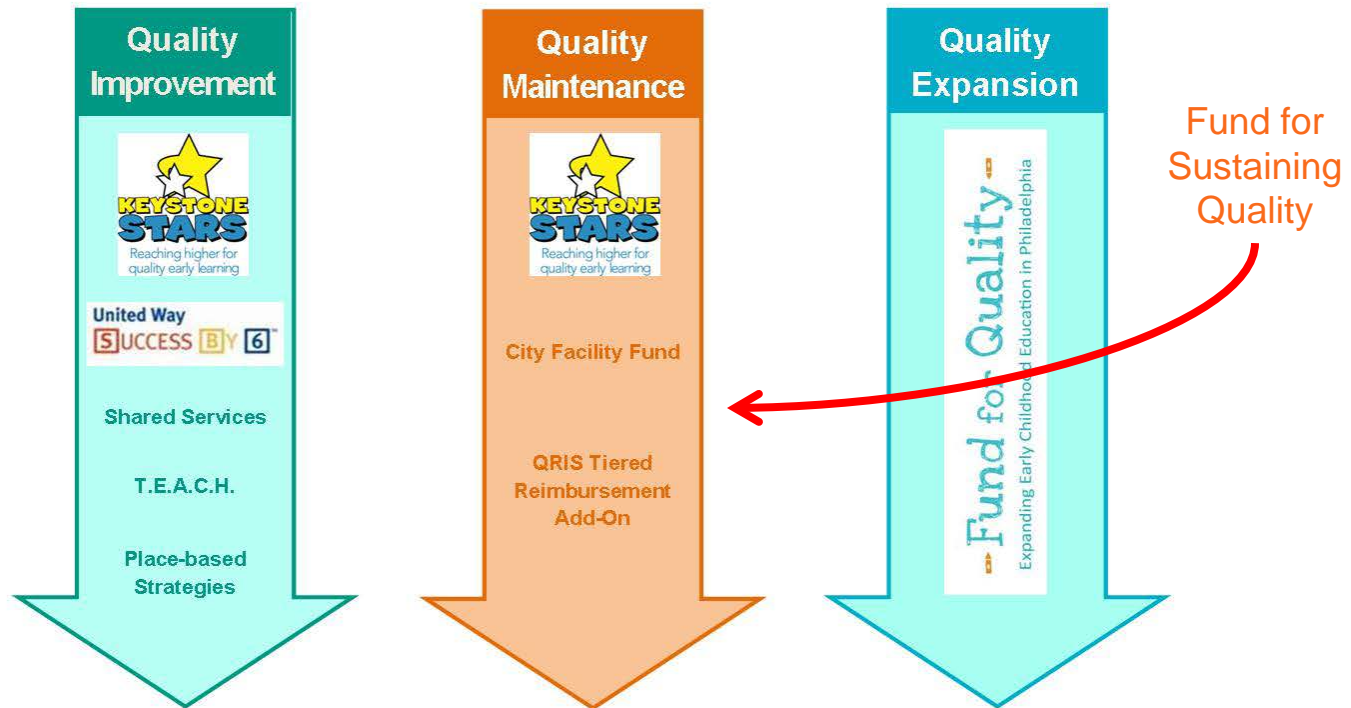
# Session Objectives

- Overview of project
- Eligibility criteria
- Procurement timeline
- Review application documents
- Q&A

# Background

## Philadelphia Landscape

ECE Resource and Support Landscape – Increasing Quality



Increase availability of high quality early care and education in Philadelphia.

# Purpose of the Fund

- To allow for high quality operators to reflect on current operations and **landscape threats and opportunities** and to make needed shifts in practice **to ensure sustainability** of their business.
- Projects will focus on:
  - ensuring sound **business practices**,
  - **operational efficiency**, and
  - **risk mitigation**.

# Project Description

- Cohort based, 5-7 programs per cohort, staggered starts
- Support ongoing strategic planning and implementation of strategic initiatives during an 18 month engagement period
- Award amounts and number of recipients will be determined by the Advisory Committee based on agency size and project scope
- Awardees will work with an expert staff member/consultant to develop a project plan
- Projects will focus on one of the following areas of development:
  - fiscal health;
  - operations;
  - general risk;
  - high needs clients and governance and accountability.

# Who's eligible?

- Existing STAR 3 and 4 child care centers in Philadelphia
- Non-profit or for-profit organization
- Currently serving low-income populations
  - at least 50% subsidy, or waitlist subsidy, Head Start or Pre-K Counts  
or
  - able to demonstrate a commitment to serving low-income families
- In good standing with DHS Certification
- Free of city, state, and federal liabilities

# Cohort #1 Timeline

<p><b>Application released</b>          Available for download at <a href="http://www.sustainingquality.org">www.sustainingquality.org</a> and <a href="http://www.seregionalkey.org">www.seregionalkey.org</a></p>	<p><b>January 3, 2018</b></p>
<p><b>Pre-Application Question and Answer Webinars/Conference Calls</b>          Registration links will be available in the SERK Talk eblast and at <a href="http://www.sustainingquality.org">www.sustainingquality.org</a> and <a href="http://www.seregionalkey.org">www.seregionalkey.org</a></p>	<p>January 4, 2018, 1-2 p.m.          January 17, 2018, 9:30-10:30 a.m.          January 25, 2018, 1-2 p.m.          February 7, 2018, 1-2 p.m.</p>
<p><b>One-on-One office hours available by appointment by emailing</b>  <a href="mailto:FSQ@phmc.org">FSQ@phmc.org</a></p>	<p>January through February, 2018</p>
<p><b>Application submission deadline</b></p>	<p><b>February 28, 2018, 11:59 p.m.</b></p>
<p><b>Application review period</b></p>	<p>March 2018</p>
<p><b>Awardees announced</b></p>	<p><b>April 2, 2018</b></p>
<p><b>Project action planning phase</b></p>	<p>April-May 2018</p>
<p><b>Project implementation phase</b></p>	<p>June 2018 to November 2019          (completion dates vary based on project scope)</p>

# Review Application Docs

- Available to download:
  - SERK weekly eblast
  - [www.seregionalkey.org](http://www.seregionalkey.org)
  - [www.sustainingquality.org](http://www.sustainingquality.org)
- [FSQ Application Checklist](#)
- [FSQ Application Coversheet](#)
- [FSQ Application](#)



# Q&A

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- Send questions to [FSQ@phmc.org](mailto:FSQ@phmc.org)