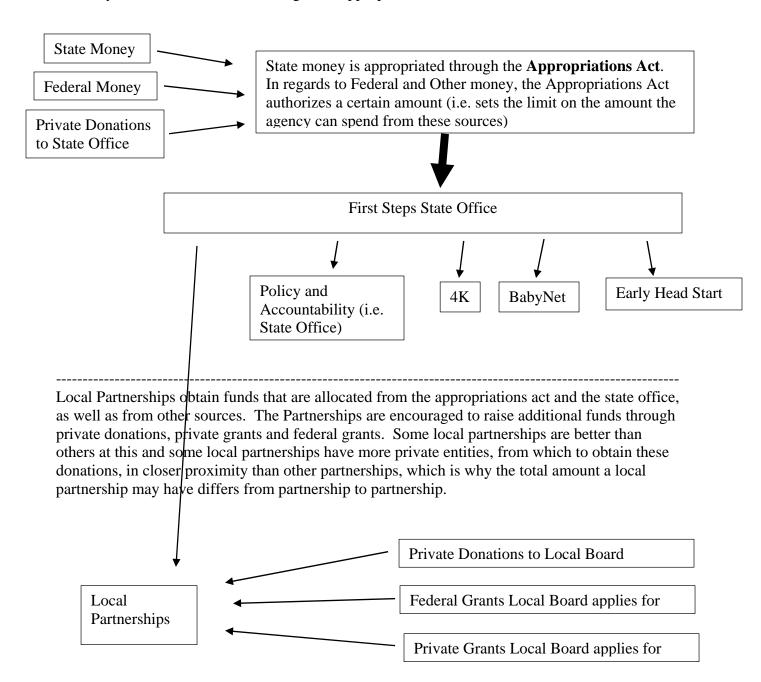
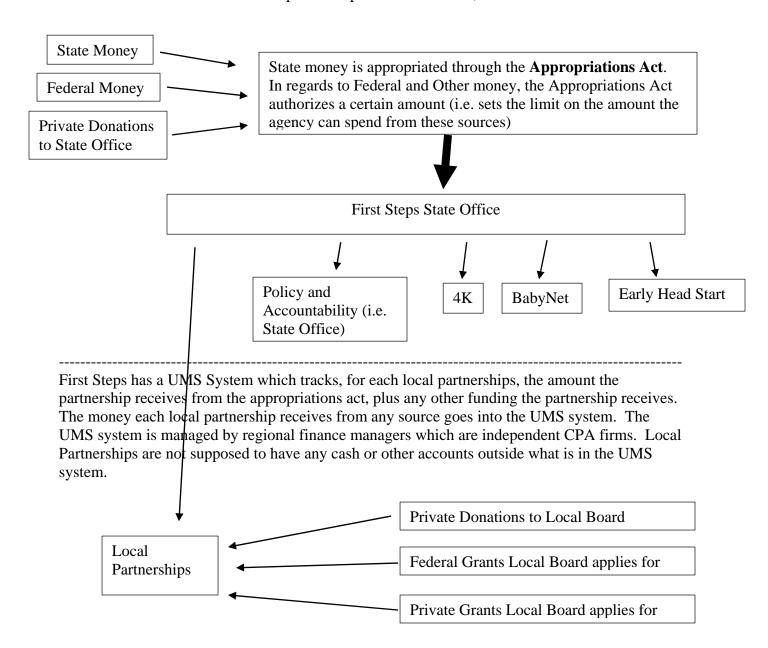
Source of Funds

The State Office receives private donations, state funds and federal funds. The federal funds can only be utilized for the federal programs First Steps operates. Funds the State Office receives from any source are authorized through the Appropriations Act.



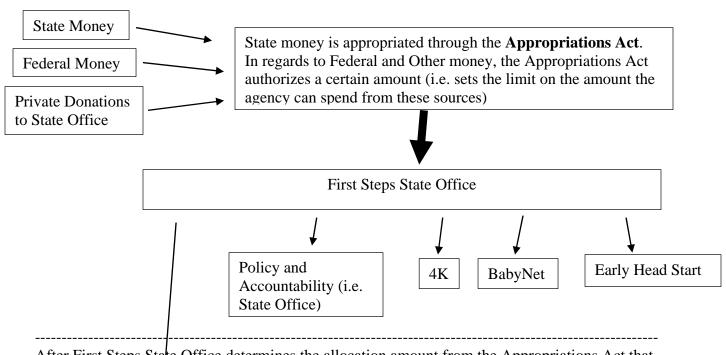
Monitoring Funds

All funding for programs run from the First Steps State Office, except local partnerships, is authorized through the appropriations act. Therefore, the amount of these funds can be monitored through the Appropriations Act and SCEIS. The funding to the local partnerships that is appropriated through the appropriations act can be seen in the appropriations act and SCEIS as well, but this does not include all the funding available to each local partnership. For details on where all funds available to a local partnership can be monitored, see below



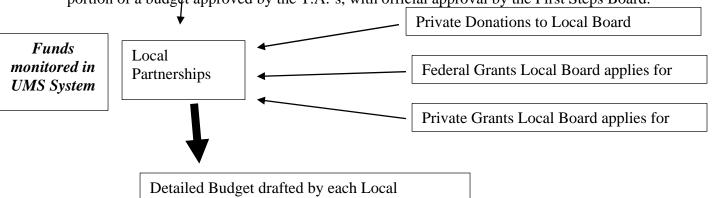
Utilization of Funds

The appropriations act outlines how much funding goes to each program. The funding to Early Head Start, BabyNet, 4K and Local Partnerships is restricted and can only be used on those programs. The funding allocated to



After First Steps State Office determines the allocation amount from the Appropriations Act that goes to each Local Partnership, by an established allocation formula, the Local Partnership drafts a detailed budget. The detailed budget explains how the Partnership is going to spend all of the money they have available to them. This includes money from the allocation through the Appropriations Act, as well as any additional money the individual Local Partnership may have available.

The T.A.'s from the State Office then review and review each Partnerships detailed budget. This occurs to ensure the Partnership has not budgeted to spend any funds for activities that do not meet the mission of First Steps. The T.A. can recommend approval for the entire budget, part of the budget or none of it. The Partnership is not permitted to spend any funds that are not in a portion of a budget approved by the T.A.'s, with official approval by the First Steps Board.



Partnership Approved by T.A. from First Steps State Office and First Steps Board