

Child Care Expansion Grant

American Rescue Plan Act

Division of Child Care and Early Childhood Education



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Purpose

To increase the availability of quality child care and early childhood education in communities with identified shortages for infants, toddlers, and school-aged children

Who Can Apply?

Child Care providers that are in good standing with DCCECE and obtained a child care license on or before March 11, 2021

The following priority areas will be reviewed:

- (1) Child Care Deserts
- (2) Infant/Toddler/School Aged Care
- (3) Essential Business Partnerships
- (4) Non-Traditional Care Hours
- (5) CCDF Program Participants

How Can Funds Be Used?

Examples of Fund Uses:

- (1) Setting up a new classroom
- (2) Offsetting the cost of hiring additional staff
- (3) Offering alternative care hours such as evenings or weekends
- (4) Partnering with local essential businesses to offer care to meet employees' needs

*****NOTE: Applications must provide data to explain why the services are needed*****

Before I Apply?

Things to do prior to application:

- (1) Work with your licensing specialist to ensure your plan meets the Minimum Licensing Requirements
- (2) Determine the additional number of children who can be served
- (3) Obtain written documentation from Licensing Specialist to be submitted with grant application
- (4) Acquire Fire Inspection Approval
- (5) Obtain Health Approval (if necessary)

Budget?

Allowable Budget Categories:

- (1) Salaries/Personnel
- (2) Minor Renovations and Facility Maintenance
- (3) Rent, Mortgage, and Utilities
- (4) Furniture and Equipment
- (5) Curriculum, Resources, and Supplies
- (6) Technology

Anything Not Allowed?

The following items are not allowable expenses:

- (1) New Construction
- (2) Major Remodeling involving load bearing walls
- (3) Purchasing a new building (a child care provider could purchase another building or add on to existing building with their own funds and use the Expansion Grant for allowable expenses within that area)

Estimated Funding Amount

Capacity Expansion Type	Additional Capacity	Subgrant Amount (max)
Child Care Family Home	+5	\$10,000
	+10	\$20,000
Infant	+5	\$15,000
	+10	\$30,000
	+15	\$45,000
	+20	\$60,000
	+25	\$75,000
	+30	\$90,000
Toddler	+8	\$12,500
	+16	\$25,000
	+24	\$37,500
	+32	\$50,000
	+40	\$62,500
	+48	\$75,000
School Aged	+18	\$5,000
	+36	\$10,000
	+54	\$15,000
	+72	\$20,000
	+90	\$25,000
	+108	\$30,000
	+126	\$35,000
	+144	\$40,000
Staff Salary	Up to 1 per new classroom	\$15,000 per staff member

Approval Process

There are 2 steps in the review and approval process:

- (1) The Child Care Expansion Grant Coordinators will check the application for all required components
- (2) The DCCECE Child Care Expansion Review Committee will evaluate grants that were verified as complete and approve or deny applications

Integrity

- (1) Providers will be required to follow DHS and Federal auditing guidelines
- (2) DHS will do an audit of a statistically valid random sampling of providers each year
- (3) Providers will be required to do reporting on the funds spent compared to the submitted budget
- (4) Providers will be required to maintain receipts for 5 years after the date of award

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