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American Rescue Plan Act Expansion Grant

What is an Expansion Grant?

The purpose of the expansion grant is to increase the availability of quality child care and early childhood education in communities with an identified shortage or no services for infants, toddlers, and school-agers. Licensed facilities in operation on or before March 11, 2021 are eligible to apply for funding. An expansion grant can be used to set up a new classroom and can help offset the cost of hiring additional staff. Programs are encouraged to consider partnering with local industry to offer alternate hours of care such as evening or weekend care.

Budget Categories

- Personnel Costs
- Fringe Benefits
- Minor Renovations
- Rent or Mortgage
- Utilities, Telephone, Internet
- Facility Maintenance, Repair, and Improvements
- Insurance
- Annual Audit
- Office Supplies
- Food Service Supplies
- Furniture
- Curriculum Resources and Supplies
- Parent Involvement
- Transportation
- Professional Development
- Screenings/Assessment
- Technology
- Health and Safety Items
- New or Updated Security Systems
- Mental Health Services for Children or Families
- Other

Other Details

- Applicants will be required to submit documentation from both Child Care Licensing and the Fire Department to indicate approval to serve additional children safely in the proposed space.
- Applicants must explain why the services are needed using data to support the request.
- This funding cannot be used to pay for major construction.
- Priority will be given to applicants who serve low-income families through participation in the CCDF voucher program.

Estimated Funding

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