

Child Care Stabilization Grants

Application now open!

<https://www.nmeccd.org/child-care-stabilization-grant/>



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Child Care Stabilization Funding

Federal funding to invest in New Mexico's child care system, ensuring providers are stable, and child care is available for all families.

- American Rescue Plan Act – Child Care Stabilization Funds: \$197,076,860
 - ◆ 10 percent administrative (\$19,707,686)

ECECD is committed to ensuring a fair and simple distribution process.



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Application Overview

- Grant application is open through Friday, October 1 at 5:00 pm
- Simple and straightforward online application
- Must be completed by the facility director or home provider
- Each licensed or registered site must apply individually

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Eligibility

ELIGIBLE CHILD CARE PROVIDERS

- Licensed centers, group homes, and family child care homes that were open or temporarily closed as of March 11, 2021
- Registered homes that were open or temporarily closed as of March 11, 2021 and participate in the child care assistance program
- Providers must be in good standing with licensing

NOT-ELIGIBLE

- Head Start programs (ARPA funding available to Head Start grantees)
- Child Care providers that are permanently closed
- Registered homes – food only programs



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To complete the application, you will need:

- Program information
- Program operation details
 - ◆ *Days and hours of operation*
- Enrollment information
 - ◆ *By age group at two points of time (January 2020 and current)*
- Staffing information
 - ◆ *Current number of staff by role and full/part-time status*
- Estimated current monthly expenses



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Child Care Stabilization Grant Awards and Payment

- Grant awards will be issued by ECECD in six equal monthly payments
 - ◆ First payment: October 15
 - ◆ Awardees will receive payments via direct deposit or paper check depending on your current financial information on record within EPICS.
- Grant recipients must spend the funds by September 2023



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Eligible Expenses

- Personnel costs and benefits;
- Premium pay, or costs for employee recruitment and retention;
- Rent (including under a lease agreement) or payment on any mortgage obligation, utilities, or insurance;
- Facility maintenance or improvements, including outdoor learning spaces / playgrounds;
- Personal protective equipment, cleaning and sanitization supplies and services, or training and professional development related to health and safety practices;
- Purchases of or updates to equipment and supplies to respond to COVID–19;
- Goods and services necessary to maintain or resume child care services;
- Health and safety trainings for staff, including but not limited to, CPR, first aid and medication administration; and
- Mental health supports for children and employees.
- Pay off debts that resulted from the Public Health Emergency



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Certification and Attestation

The applicant must:

- Agree to use the funds only for the categories and purposes indicated in their application.
- Maintain records and other documentation to support the use of funds and document compliance with the requirements described in A, B, C, and D.
 - a. Implement policies in line with guidance and orders from corresponding state, tribal, and local authorities and to the greatest extent possible, implement policies in line with guidance from the CDC.
 - b. For each staff position (including lead teachers, aides, and any other staff who are employed by the child care provider to work in transportation, food preparation, or other types of service) the applicant must continue paying at least the same amount of weekly wages and maintain the same benefits for the duration of the subgrant. Employees may not be furloughed from the date of application submission through the duration of the subgrant period.
 - c. Provide relief from copayments and tuition payments for the families enrolled in the child care program, to the extent possible, and prioritize such relief for families struggling to make either type of payment.
 - d. **I will agree to keep my child care center/home operational through September 30, 2023, and understand that if I close my child care center/home prior to September 30, 2023, I will return all awarded funds to ECECD.**



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Reporting Requirements

- Awarded providers will be required to submit a summary report detailing how funds were spent
- ECECD must provide aggregate reports to the Administration of Children and Families; reports must include, but are not limited to the following:
 - ◆ *Number of awards approved*
 - ◆ *Amount of funding distributed*
 - ◆ *Licensing status of awardees and provider type*
 - ◆ *Ethnicity and gender of the owner*
- ECECD will audit 10% of awardees



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Technical Assistance and Support

- Available in English and Spanish
 - ◆ Main line: (505) 236-4085
 - ◆ Spanish: (505) 539-4889
- Office Hour Sessions
 - ◆ Wednesday, September 22 at 6:00 pm

<https://zoom.us/j/97914711202?pwd=dWNScWNVWFBzMEJ6UTBkN1ZtV2lwQT09>

Meeting ID: 979 1471 1202

Passcode: 315570

- ◆ Tuesday, September 28 at 1:00 pm

<https://zoom.us/j/99663322401?pwd=TWZ4ZWFBOWVEQUlwaFIZdUI2Ly9SZz09>

Meeting ID: 996 6332 2401

Passcode: 891456



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