

Child Care Relief Grant Program Frequently Asked Questions

An email with more information on these grants was sent to child care providers on 12/16/20. [Click here to see the email.](#)

An email with more information on grant amounts and timelines was sent to child care providers on 1/21/20. [Click here to see the email.](#)

How much money will providers get from the Child Care Relief Grant Program?

The chart below shows the amount each grant will be:

| Licensed Capacity | Colorado Shines Level 1 & 2 Grant Amount | Colorado Shines Level 3 Grant Amount | Colorado Shines Level 4 Grant Amount | Colorado Shines Level 5 Grant Amount |
|-------------------|--|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Fewer than 15 | \$900.00 | \$945.00 | \$990.00 | \$1,035.00 |
| 15 - 39 | \$3,000.00 | \$3,150.00 | \$3,300.00 | \$3,450.00 |
| 40 - 59 | \$8,250.00 | \$8,662.50 | \$9,075.00 | \$9,487.50 |
| 60 - 89 | \$13,500.00 | \$14,175.00 | \$14,850.00 | \$15,525.00 |
| 90 - 149 | \$18,100.00 | \$19,005.00 | \$19,910.00 | \$20,815.00 |
| 150+ | \$29,800.00 | \$31,290.00 | \$32,780.00 | \$34,270.00 |

Who can get a grant?

All licensed child care providers who are open and operating by February 28, 2021.

This means providers with a:

1. Child Care Center License
2. School-age Child Care License
3. Family Child Care Home License
4. Preschool License

Programs that are 100% funded by CPP or Headstart are also eligible for this grant.

“Open” means the provider has an open child care license and is not in the revocation process. Programs on probation are still eligible.

“Operating” means the provider is actively giving in-person care by February 28th. Virtual services do not count for the purposes of this grant program.

How can a provider apply for a grant?

There is no formal application, however, you must complete the following 3 steps to be eligible:

1. Programs must update their information in the Child Care Status Portal [here](#). Programs that updated their status before December 14, 2020 must update their status again as new questions have been added. **This step MUST be done by January 15th, 2021.**
2. Complete a provider rate survey. *The survey will be emailed 1-2 weeks after submitting the status portal update.* **Surveys must be completed by February 28, 2021.**
3. Submit an affirmation form and banking information. These forms will be emailed to providers from “Child Care Relief Grants (CCRG)” via echosign@echosign.com with the subject line “Child Care Relief Grants Certification for [your site name].” *The email will be sent within 1-2 weeks after submitting the status portal update.* **The forms must be returned by February 17, 2021.**

What can the funds be used for?

Grants may support child care providers with costs associated with COVID-19, including but not limited to:

- accommodating smaller group sizes,
- activities designed to address the availability of child care, particularly those serving essential and emergency workers
- purchasing additional safety and cleaning supplies, and;
- covering salaries and other compensations for staff who provide child care

Providers can attribute previous expenditures and costs associated with COVID, including supplies they've already purchased or lost wages/income from lower enrollment, etc.

We recommend that programs keep documentation of receipts and invoices for grant related expenses.

Is there a deadline to spend the funds by?

All funds need to be spent by January 31, 2022.

I updated my status in the Provider Portal, when can I expect to receive the Provider Rate Survey and banking and certification forms?

Providers who updated the status portal by 1/4/21 should have already received their rate surveys and banking and certification forms.

Providers who updated the status portal by the deadline of 1/15/21 should receive their rate surveys and banking and certification forms by 1/21/21 or early next week (the week of 1/24/21).

What if I updated my status recently or what if we never closed?

We recommend that all programs that updated their status prior to December 14, 2020 submit a new status update to ensure that they qualify for the grant. Additional questions have been added to the portal since that date.

What are the Grant Deadlines?

- January 15, 2021 -- Deadline to update information in Child Care Provider Status Portal
- January 18, 2021 -- Department will determine the total number of eligible providers and maximum award amounts per provider
- January 23, 2021 -- Payment to providers who have completed all application steps begin.
- February 17, 2021 -- Deadline to complete grant certification and banking forms
- February 28, 2021 -- Deadline to complete provider rate survey; Last date the Department may distribute grant money to providers (Providers who are in the last payment batch of 2/28/21 can expect money to be in their accounts the first week of March.)

When will I get my grant?

Providers who complete(d) banking and certification forms by:

- January 15, 2021 will receive funds the week of 1/24/2021
- February 17, 2021 will receive funds the week of 2/28/21

What is the CFDA number for the grant?

This stimulus funding comes from the State General Fund, and there is not a CFDA number. Governmental agencies (school districts, local governments, etc) should be aware that this funding may cause a Tabor impact, and should consult with their agency's financial staff to determine the appropriate action.

Where can I get help?

Please email cdhs_oec_communications@state.co.us.

When will information be available about the Emerging and Expanding Child Care Grant Program?

More information can be found [HERE](#).