

# Fall Child Care COVID-19 Grants

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# Purpose

- To ensure a stable, functional and expandable child care system that supports providers and families during COVID-19, the Department of Children, Youth, and Families (DCYF) is providing direct support to licensed child care providers to assist with reopening and staying open, to offset increased costs associated with the COVID-19 pandemic, to expand current child care capacity and to incentivize providers to serve school-age children.
- \$30 million has been allocated for licensed child care providers and formal family, friends, and neighbor providers.

# Eligibility

- Licensed providers must agree to remain open and serve children through the end of the 2020-2021 school year. Temporary closures related to COVID-19 for a short period of time are not considered license closures.
- In addition, one of the following criteria must be met in order to be eligible for a grant:

## Sustainability Criteria:

Providers have been open and providing care throughout the pandemic and did not previously receive a DCYF Child Care COVID-19 Grant\*.

\*Open providers that did previously receive a DCYF Child Care COVID-19 Grant may be eligible for a difference payment if the grant amount was less than the amount currently offered.

## Reopening Criteria:

Providers who were temporarily closed and have now opened and did not receive a previous DCYF Child Care COVID-19 Grant.

## Expansion Criteria:

Providers who started serving school-age children or were newly authorized to serve children and families accessing subsidy, or expanded how they offer care (such as expanded hours, serving school-age children full-day instead of before and after school) as a result of the pandemic.

\*Newly licensed providers as of July 1, 2020, or later may be eligible for a grant.



# Grant Amounts

The amount of children a site can serve based on licensed capacity	Grant Amount	Additional funding amount for providers in communities of concern*
32 or less	\$6,500	\$650
33-199	\$200 x licensed capacity	10% of grant amount
200+	\$40,000	\$4,000
Difference Payment	Difference of current grant amount minus previous grant amount	10% of current grant amount

\*Eligible providers within designated communities of concern will receive an additional 10% of their funded grant amount.

# Fast Facts

- The Fall Child Care COVID-19 Grants will not be “first come, first served.” Instead, all applications will be reviewed by a committee, who will verify that at least one of the eligibility criteria is met. Providers will be notified if approved or denied.
- To help providers to apply for a grant, DCYF is developing a toolkit of supports that will include technical support, resource documents available in English, Spanish and Somali, a dedicated email inbox and more.
- Additional funding will be available for eligible providers within designated communities of concern.\*

\*DCYF uses Community Outcome and Risk Evaluation (CORE) data to determine areas of Washington State with specific community risk factors such as little or no child care services; use of state-funded drug and alcohol services; arrests for domestic violence; unemployment and state welfare assistance; and rates of referrals for victims of child abuse and neglect.

# Communities of Concern

- **Asotin**
- **Clallam**
- **Cowlitz**
- **Ferry**
- **Grays Harbor**
- **Jefferson**
- **Kitsap**
- **Klickitat**
- **Lewis**
- **Mason**
- **Okanogan**
- **Pacific**
- **Pend Oreille**
- **Pierce**
- **Skagit**
- **Snohomish**
- **Spokane**
- **Stevens**
- **Thurston**
- **Wahkiakum**
- **Whatcom**
- **Yakima**





# Prioritization Criteria, in Order of Priority

Providers who:

1. Did not get a previous DCYF COVID-19 grant but stayed open. (*Sustainability*)
2. Were previously temporarily closed and have now opened, and did not get a previous DCYF COVID-19 grant because they were closed. (*Reopening*)
3. Started serving school-age children or were newly authorized to serve children and families accessing subsidy, or expanded how they offer care (such as expanded hours, serving school-age children full-day instead of before and after school) as a result of the pandemic. (*Expansion*)
  1. *School-age, subsidy*
  2. *Newly licensed providers as of July 1, 2020, or later*
4. Those who received a prior DCYF COVID-19 grant, qualify in no other categories, have been open and agree to stay open. These providers receive a “difference payment.” This does not include “closed” licenses who received a prior grant.
  1. *School-age, subsidy*
  2. *Providers in communities of concern*



# Grant Uses

## Allowed ✓

- Utilities
- Rent/Space Costs
- Payroll/Benefits
- Food
- Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)
- Cleaning Supplies Related to COVID-19
- Technology and/or Internet Service

## Not Allowed ✗

- Building or facility repairs, modifications and any additions that require a permit are considered capital improvements and are not approved expenditures

# Resources

- **Application Questions**

If you have questions about the application, the timeline of the grant or other questions specific to the grant, please email [dcyf.covidgrantinfo@dcyf.wa.gov](mailto:dcyf.covidgrantinfo@dcyf.wa.gov)

- **Provider Portal Link**

To access your account or review your profile and licensing information, use the login link here:  
[https://wacompass.force.com/PP\\_LoginPage#](https://wacompass.force.com/PP_LoginPage#)

- **Can't Log In?**

If you need help logging into your Provider Portal account, please email [dcyf.providerportal@dcyf.wa.gov](mailto:dcyf.providerportal@dcyf.wa.gov) or call 866-627-8929

- **Need Assistance Filling Out the Application?**

If you need assistance filling out the application, either in the Provider Portal or translated on paper, contact your local Child Care Aware of Washington office

- **Coming Soon!**

Fall COVID-19 Grant webpage

# Timeline

- **Late September**
  - Initial announcement – general press release and communication from DCYF Secretary Hunter
- **Late October – Early November**
  - Announcement of full plan at Child Care Providers COVID-19 Informational Webinar
  - Grant opens
  - Webinar to answer applicant questions
- **Mid – Late November**
  - Grant closes
  - Applications reviewed and verified
- **Early – Mid-December**
  - Written notifications sent
  - Awards are sent out

