

DCC Federal Funding Update

April 28, 2021

Department of Community Based Services
Cabinet for Health and Family Services

CARES Act Funds

SUMMARY OF CARES EXPENDITURES	
Hero Bonus Incentive:	\$997,500.00
Enrollment Incentive/Capacity Stipend:	\$35,480,985.00
Essential Employee CCAP Payments:	\$712,579.45
LDC \$250 Stipend:	\$1,301,250.00
Reopening Stipend:	\$6,657,000.00
CARES \$130 Stipend:	\$20,109,108.00
Total CARES spent as of 11/13/2020:	\$65,258,422.45

There is still \$2,481,577.60 left in child care CARES Act funding as of the morning of December 1st, 2020.

Family Child Care Home Start-Up Grant

- Those interested in being a family child care home (through the state), for at least 12 months, could apply for a \$2500 start up stipend.
- These funds could be used for a computer, safety materials, insurance premiums, zoning fees, and needed materials.
- This was funded by Cabinet CARES Act dollars, and applications had to be submitted by December 1st.
- Forty-two participants were approved for a total of \$105,000.

2nd Round of Federal Funding

Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act (CRRSA)

- The federal government is awarding Kentucky \$195.5 Million in child care funding.
- Top priorities was established as sustainment payments for regulated child care programs and subsidy payments.

Sustainment Stipends

- \$168 Million (over 85% of the funding) dedicated to sustainment payment funding for regulated child care providers (licensed, certified, and registered providers).
 - All payments to licensed and certified child care providers will be based on capacity. All payments to registered child care providers will be based on enrollment.
 - The first payment will be \$300/per child, and the following three payments will be \$260/child and follow in two month intervals (February, April, June, and August).
 - In order to qualify for the sustainment payments, the child care provider had to be in the DRCC database by January 1st, 2021 to qualify.
 - The completed contract had to be signed and returned to the Division of Child Care by March 10th, 2021.

Background Checks

- Since child care providers have been using name-based background checks, newly hired employees will also need to do fingerprint background checks as soon as fingerprint sites reopen.
- The Division of Child Care will use \$3 Million in federal funding to pay for fingerprint background checks as long as the funds will allow.

\$4.5 Million in Training and Technical Assistance

- \$3,000,000 will be dedicated to CPR, First Aid, Epi Pen, and Blood Borne Pathogen training for child care providers throughout the state.
 - Approved training agencies will be awarded grants to provide training.
- \$1,500,000 will be dedicated resiliency and trauma-informed care training. The Division of Child Care will contract with the Early Childhood Mental Health Specialist in the Department of Public Health.

\$20 Million to CCAP Parent Co-Pays

- DCC began paying parent CCAP co-pays on February 1st.
- Announcements were made on social media, listserv, and provider portal dashboard.
- Co-pays will be paid as long as funding allows.

Annual Block Grant Funding

- DCC began paying CCAP on enrollment, instead of attendance, during the first quarter of 2021.
- January billing (which started on February 1st) was billed based on enrollment.
- The cabinet will re-evaluate on a quarterly basis to see how long this type of funding is available. Currently this payment system is approved through June 2021.

Family Child Care Network

- The Division of Child Care is establishing a family child care network in the 8 DCC regions.
- Western Kentucky University T&TA Center has agreed to be the contract agent for the Family Child Care Network. WKU will supervise the other seven sub-contractors.
- Annually funded contract with CCDBG dollars as part of the grant's quality dollar requirement.

Objectives of Family Child Care Network

- Being the liaison between community businesses and child care programs attempting to establish the child care network model as an employee benefit for the business.
- Supporting family child care homes with business needs like tuition billing, compliance with the Child and Adult Federal Food Program, and tax preparation.
- Training and technical assistance on child care regulations and best practice for care and education.
- Recruitment of family child care homes.

The American Rescue Plan

- The 3rd Round of Funding is the American Rescue Plan.
- Kentucky will be receiving a total of \$763,372,058 in federal funding for child care.
- \$470,064,268.00 is specifically dedicated to stabilization grants.
- \$293,307,790.00 is awarded through CCDBG funding with more flexibility than typical funds.

Stabilization Grants

- Personnel costs including salaries, benefits, premium pay, or recruitment and retention;
- Facilities costs including rent, mortgage payments, utilities, maintenance, improvements or insurance;
- Cleaning supplies or services, personal protective equipment, and training and technical assistance on health and safety practices;
- Purchases of or updates to equipment and supplies to respond to the public health emergency;
- Goods or services needed to resume or maintain child care services; or
- Mental health supports for children and child care employees.
- The grants can cover new, existing, or ongoing costs, or reimbursement for qualified expenses incurred since the beginning of the public health emergency.

Stabilization Grants

- Programs must have been operational by March 21st, 2021 when the American Rescue Plan bill was passed.
- Must have rolling application dates.
- Will allow for administrative fees in order to assist with the large job of distributing funding.

CCDBG from American Rescue Plan

- Must benefit all child care programs, not just subsidy.
- State administrators are still waiting on clarifications from the federal Office of Child Care on a list of approved expenditures.
- May allow for start up funding of new programs.
- Funding must focus on COVID relief and rebuilding.



Questions