



Oregon

Kate Brown, Governor

Early Learning Division



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Dear Provider,

The Early Learning Division invites you to apply for grant funding to provide assistance during the COVID-19 crisis. This is a limited, one-time grant that will open online to providers on **Friday, May 1 at 8 a.m.** at www.oregonearlylearning.com/COVID-19-Resources/Grants.

The Emergency Child Care grant program uses resources allocated to Oregon through the federal CARES (Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security) Act, intended to support COVID-19 response and other Child Care and Development Block Grant funds. More funding opportunities will be available in the future. All applicants who meet the criteria will receive a grant. Grant amounts will vary by provider type and may range from roughly \$900 to \$18,000. **Applications are due by May 11, 2020 at 5 p.m. (PST).** This grant is available for both licensed and license-exempt child care providers.

Licensed providers are eligible to apply if you:

- Are operating an open ECC facility, and
- Operated a Licensed or Recorded child care program on February 29, 2020, and
- Submitted the application to be an ECC provider by April 8, 2020 (please note: submitted, not approved by), and
- Are adhering to [health and safety guidelines](#), and
- Are committed to staying open and serving children through July 2020, unless required to close according to ECC temporary rules.

License-exempt providers are eligible to apply if you:

- Are currently caring for a child of an [essential worker](#), and
- Are committed to serving children through July 2020.

Providers who receive grants will be required to sign an agreement with the state and maintain financial and attendance records for six years. Grant funds may only be used for allowable costs such as paying for a lease/mortgage, utilities, insurance, food and supplies, staff compensation and benefits, and other reasonable operating costs. Grant award recipients will be notified beginning May 20, 2020.

Grant applications will only be accepted online. Frequently Asked Questions will be updated daily throughout the open application period. If you have questions, please contact us at ECCgrants@state.or.us or 971-707-2029.

Thank you,

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