

EMERGENCY CHILD CARE Grant Program

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Introduction

The Oregon Department of Education, Early Learning Division (ELD) is inviting applications from eligible child care providers to receive grant funding for the COVID-19 crisis. This is a non-competitive grant opportunity limited to those open and providing Emergency Child Care.

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. This is the first phase of a multi-phase grant program. Other opportunities will follow at a later date.

How to Apply

Eligible applicants must apply online through the Oregon Department of Education, Early Learning Division [grant application site](#). A user guide for the online grant system will be posted [here](#). Please contact the [Single Point of Contact](#) for available accommodations.

Eligible Applicants

To be eligible, child care providers must meet the following criteria:

- Is currently operating an open Emergency Child Care Facility, and
- Operated a Licensed or Recorded child care program on February 29, 2020, and
- Submitted the application to be an Emergency Child Care provider by April 8, 2020, and
- Is currently open, and
- Is adhering to [health and safety guidelines](#), and
- Agrees to remain open and serve children through the end of July 2020, unless required to close according to Emergency Child Care temporary rules.

OR

- Is a Regulated Subsidy or Relative Care provider receiving Employment Related Day Care (ERDC), and
- Is currently open and caring for a child of an essential worker, and
- Agrees to remain open and serve children through the end of July 2020.

Applicants with a history of mismanagement may not be suitable to receive a grant and will be subject to review.

Single Point of Contact

All questions regarding this RFA process should be directed to ECCgrants@state.or.us or 971-707-2029 (8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday). Frequently Asked Questions will be updated on the [RFA website](#).

Technical Assistance

Child Care Resource and Referral (CCR&R) agencies are available to assist applicants with completing this application. Find your CCR&R [here](#). A user guide for the online grant system will be posted [here](#).

Calendar of Events and Deadlines

The table below represents a tentative schedule of events. The ELD reserves the right to modify these dates at any time with appropriate notice to prospective applicants by posting on the [ELD website](#).

EVENT	TARGET COMPLETION DATE
Application Opens	May 1, 2020, 8 a.m. (PST)
Application Webinar Posted (English & Spanish)	May 1, 2020
Application Closes	May 11, 2020, 5 p.m. (PST)
Application Review Process	May 12 to May 19, 2020
Notice of Award/Grant Agreement Issued	Beginning May 20, 2020
First Payment Issued	Target is within 10 business days of executed agreement

Description of Grant Opportunity

The Early Learning Division plans to award a total of up to \$8 million in grant awards through this Request for Application. This is the first phase in a multi-phase grant program. Other opportunities will follow at a later date.

This non-competitive opportunity is a limited one-time grant to assist open child care providers serving families through the COVID-19 crisis. These resources are intended to supplement tuition and Employment Related Day Care (ERDC) payments for child care programs operating during this emergency. Emergency Child Care providers are facing challenges with covering operating expenses due to loss of income from private pay families, as well as increased costs for food and supplies. Grants will vary based on provider type as shown in the table below.

PROVIDER TYPE	ESTIMATED GRANT AMOUNTS
Regulated Subsidy and ERDC Relative Care	\$900
Registered Family	\$2880
Certified Family	\$5400
Certified Center and Recorded Program	\$6000 per classroom (limit three)

Funding for Certified Centers and Recorded Programs is capped at three classrooms. All provider types are eligible for an additional \$1800 for providing overnight or weekend care; amounts will be prorated based on overnight/weekend services provided in April. Grants may be prorated at a higher or lower amount based on funding demand.

Program Requirements

In order to receive funds, grantees will be required to sign a grant agreement that covers state and federal terms and conditions, including the following:

- Funds may only be used for allowable costs such as to pay for lease/mortgage, utilities, insurance, food and supplies, staff compensation and benefits, and other reasonable operating costs.
- Grantees will receive a payment of 50 percent of the total grant award within approximately 10 business days of the signed grant agreement.
- Grantees will receive a payment of 25 percent of the total grant award late June if the provider remains open and serving children, unless required to close according to Emergency Child Care temporary rules.
- Grantees will receive the final payment of 25 percent of the total grant award in late July if the provider remains open and serving children, unless required to close according to Emergency Child Care temporary rules.

Application Review Process

Applications are due by **May 11, 2020 at 5 p.m. (PST)**. Applications submitted will be reviewed to ensure information is complete and submitted by an eligible applicant. This is a non-competitive grant opportunity. Applicants must return a signed grant agreement and W-9 form in order to receive payment. Payments are estimated to be issued within 10 business days of executed agreement.