



# Oregon

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## Emergency Child Care Grant Program (Supplemental Funding for Existing Grantees) Frequently Asked Questions

### **Q: Why am I receiving additional funding?**

Providers who previously received an Emergency Child Care (ECC) Grant in Phase 1 or Phase 2 will receive additional funding as a result of additional federal Coronavirus Relief Funds allocated by the 2020 Oregon Legislature and the Governor to support child care providers. This funding is meant to extend financial support to ECC providers in order to ensure they have the funding they need to continue to operate during COVID-19.

### **Q: Do I need to apply to receive this supplemental funding?**

You do not need to apply to receive supplemental funding. Phase 1 and Phase 2 grantees will receive a new grant agreement via DocuSign email.

### **Q: How and when will I receive these funds?**

Previously awarded grantees will receive an email from DocuSign containing a notification and an updated grant agreement. The grant agreement will need to be signed and submitted to accept the additional funds.

### **Q: What additional funding will my program/facility receive?**

A total of \$23 million dollars will be distributed across approximately 2,796 providers who were awarded grants in Phase 1 and 2. These supplemental award amounts are based on the additional costs of funding child care operations during COVID-19. Award amounts are included in Table A below.

In addition to the funding in Table A, providers located in geographic areas designated as "Opportunity Zones" will receive additional funding. Providers' award letters indicate whether they are located within an Opportunity Zone. More information on this funding is included in the next several questions.

**Table A. Supplemental Funding Amounts for Phase 1 and Phase 2 ECC Grant Recipients**

<b>Non-Opportunity Grants</b>	<b>Certified Center <i>(max 3 classrooms)</i></b>	<b>Certified Family</b>	<b>License-Exempt</b>	<b>Registered Family</b>
ECC Award (Phase 1 or 2)	\$14,040 <i>(for 3 classrooms)</i>	\$4,212	\$702	\$2,246
Supplemental Distribution Amount	\$16,566 <i>(for 3 classrooms)</i>	\$4,970	\$828	\$2,650
<b>Total Awarded to Provider <i>(ECC + Increased Distribution)</i></b>	<b>\$30,606</b>	<b>\$9,182</b>	<b>\$1,530</b>	<b>\$4,896</b>

**Q: What can supplemental funds be used for?**

Funds may only be used for allowable costs. Examples include: lease/mortgage, utilities, insurance, food and supplies, staff compensation and benefits (including paid leave), extra duty pay and overtime, and other reasonable operating costs.

**Q: Do I need to be open to receive supplemental funds?**

Providers must be open and agree to remain open through December 30, 2020.

**Q: How long will it take to receive the funds?**

Grant funds will be distributed within 10 business days of a fully executed grant agreement.

**Q: What is an “Opportunity Zone,” and how do I know if my facility located within one?**

The Early Learning Division (ELD) applied the state’s [Equity Lens](#) to determine which areas may be at highest risk of losing child care programs. The ELD also examined which areas of the state this would impact a majority of families of color, Indigenous families, and families living in poverty. An area was designated as an Opportunity Zone if it met any of the following criteria:

- An area of a city or county that had a lower child care supply relative to the state before the pandemic AND with a significant population of children of color.
- An area of a city or county that had a lower child care supply relative to the state before the pandemic AND where 20% or more of the population lives in poverty.
- An area of a city or county that is adjacent to an area identified above AND where 20% or more of the population lives in poverty.
- An area of a city or county that is identified as rural using United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) codes.

Click [here](#) to view a map of Opportunity Zones in Oregon. Use the search bar in the upper right-hand corner to zoom in and view your specific zip code, town, or address. The legend on the left indicates opportunity zone status.

Your grant award notification will indicate whether your facility is in an Opportunity Zone.

**Q: Where can I find out more about Opportunity Zone determinations?**

[The presentation given by ELD to the Legislative Task Force on Access to Quality Affordable Child Care on August 25, 2020](#), includes a map of Opportunity Zones on slide 15. Overall, 1,245 grantees in Phase 1 and Phase 2 are located within Opportunity Zones.

**Q: How were the Opportunity Zone categories determined?**

Please see the [August 25, 2020 presentation to the Legislative Task Force on Access to Quality Affordable Child Care available on the Oregon Legislative Information System](#) for more information on the methodology used to identify Opportunity Zones.

**Q: How much additional funding will I receive if my facility is in an Opportunity Zone?**

In addition to the supplemental grant amounts listed in Table A, providers who received a grant in Phase 1 or Phase 2 and are located within an Opportunity Zone will receive a second disbursement of funds, referred to as an “Opportunity Zone,” as indicated in Table B, below:

**Table B. Additional Opportunity Zone Amounts**

<b>Opportunity Grants</b>	<b>Certified Center <i>(max 3 classrooms)</i></b>	<b>Certified Family</b>	<b>License-Exempt</b>	<b>Registered Family</b>
ECC Award (Phase 1 or 2)	\$14,040 <i>(for 3 classrooms)</i>	\$4,212	\$702	\$2,246
Supplemental Distribution	\$16,566	\$4,970	\$828	\$2,650
Opportunity Zone Distribution	\$18,182 <i>(for 3 classrooms)</i>	\$5,455	\$909	\$2,909
<b>Total Awarded To Provider <i>(ECC + Increased Distribution)</i></b>	<b>\$48,788</b>	<b>\$14,637</b>	<b>\$2,439</b>	<b>\$7,805</b>

**Q: Do I need to apply to receive the additional Opportunity Zone funding?**

Your grant agreement will contain specific notice of approval for Opportunity Zone funding and this additional enhancement is included within your new agreement. Providers within an Opportunity Zone must agree to be a listed and approved provider with the Oregon Department of Human Services (ODHS) provider if they are not already.

**Q: If approved for Opportunity Zone funds, how do I get listed and approved as an ODHS**

## **child care provider?**

Please [click here](#) for more information on how to be approved as a provider with ODHS. Providers will need to submit to the Direct Pay Unit (DPU) a fully completed Child Care Provider Listing form (DHS 7494) to become an approved ODHS provider no later than September 18, 2020 to allow time for processing by October 15, 2020. Providers will receive their supplemental payment upon execution of their grant agreement; they will receive the additional amount for being in an opportunity zone only after becoming a listed and approved provider with ODHS.

### **Q: What if I do not want to be an approved provider with ODHS?**

Providers who refuse to be listed and approved as an ODHS provider will still be eligible to accept supplemental funds, but will not be eligible to accept Opportunity Zone funds.

### **Q: I have opened additional classrooms since the submission of my original application. Can I receive supplemental funds for the newly opened classrooms?**

Supplemental funds will be allocated based on the number of classrooms listed at the time of original application and cannot be adjusted to account for newly opened classrooms.

### **Q: My license type has changed since the submission of my original application. Will my supplemental/opportunity zone be based on my original license number or my most recent license number?**

Supplemental/Opportunity Zone funds will be allocated based on the license type at the time of original application.

### **Q: If I have to close my child care due to emergency evacuations, will this impact my eligibility to receive my Emergency Child Care grants?**

Emergency Child Care grant eligibility will not be impacted by wildfire emergency evacuations or temporary closures due to fires. Providers do not have to repay funds if a loss occurs and this will not affect additional payments. Please contact [ECCgrants@ode.state.or.us](mailto:ECCgrants@ode.state.or.us) if you have been displaced and need to update your mailing address for future payments.

### **Q: Will I still receive the grant funds from ELD at a different address?**

ELD knows how important grant money is to providers during this emergency period. The most efficient and effective way to ensure grant money is delivered to a provider is by using the United States Postal Service (USPS). All grant checks will be mailed to a provider's address. The USPS has worked through multiple national emergencies and has a well-tested process to reunite people with their mail in the event of an emergency or address disruption. To learn more about USPS Emergency protocols, please click [here](#). Please work with the USPS to receive your check. If you encounter difficulties, contact us at [ECCGrants@state.or.us](mailto:ECCGrants@state.or.us) or call at 971-707-2029.

**Additional Questions?**

Please direct all questions to [ECCgrants@state.or.us](mailto: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 Early Learning Divisions [COVID-19 webpage](#).