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Dear Child Care Provider,

The Early Learning Division (ELD) is announcing a grant funding opportunity through the federal American Rescue Plan Act of 2021. Child care providers who faced financial hardship related to COVID-19 may be eligible to apply for a stabilization grant. The application period for this grant is open until December 31, 2021.

You must complete a brief application online and meet the following eligibility criteria to be considered for a grant.

<b>Office of Child Care licensed</b> (must meet all criteria)	<b>Oregon Department of Human Services (ODHS)</b> <b>license-exempt family child care and centers</b> (must meet all criteria)
Be an existing child care that is open and available to provide child care at the time of application, or  Be an existing child care that is temporarily closed due to public health, financial hardship, or other reasons relating to the COVID-19 public health emergency and plans to reopen within 30 days of receiving a Grant	Be an existing child care that is open and available to provide child care at the time of application, or  Be an existing child care that is temporarily closed due to public health, financial hardship, or other reasons relating to the COVID-19 public health emergency and plans to reopen within 30 days of receiving a Grant
Be licensed at the time of application	Be listed and approved by ODHS as of March 11, 2021; and at the time of application

Child cares who are Early Head Start, Head Start, Oregon Pre-kindergarten, or Relief Nurseries are not eligible for a Grant because the funding is intended to help the child care sector, not publicly funded programs.

Child care providers whose applications are approved will receive an award based on the child care type. If you are interested in this funding opportunity, please visit our [website](#) to learn more and to check for updates. If you have other questions, please contact us at [ECCgrants@state.or.us](mailto:ECCgrants@state.or.us) or 971-707-2029.

Thank you,

Early Learning Division