



## Reinvigorate Child Care Stabilization Grants Overview

### About the Reinvigorate Child Care Stabilization Grants

Rhode Island Department of Human Services (DHS) was awarded federal funds through the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) of 2021 by the Administration for Children and Families (ACF).

This federally-funded grant opportunity will support the child care system’s stabilization during the COVID-19 pandemic and support the system’s ability to serve young children effectively and safely. DHS will support child care providers in completing an online application to apply for funds to support their business operations.

Any licensed child care provider (or active license-exempt), in the state of Rhode Island, that is open, available to provide care, or temporarily closed due to the COVID-19 pandemic is eligible to receive a grant. The following providers are eligible:

- Licensed Child Care Center
- Licensed Family Child Care Home
- Licensed Group Family Child Care Home
- Active License-Exempt Provider

The licensee, owner, or primary financial manager of a program should submit an application on behalf of the program.

### Funding Methodology

DHS seeks to award providers with 6 monthly grants. Award amounts vary by provider type. Monthly grants were calculated using the 75<sup>th</sup> percentile of full-time private pay tuition rates from the 2021 Child Care Market Rate Survey and reflect the lost revenue associated with a 25% reduction in enrollment as compared against monthly operating costs.<sup>1</sup> Grant amounts by provider type are summarized in the table below:

Provider Type	Monthly Grant Amount	Payment Amount
Child Care Center	Varies based on number of classrooms and licensed capacity.  Grants begin at \$4,500 (per classroom) and are capped at \$50,000 per month.	Varies. Centers may receive two rounds of payments based on an application (3 monthly grants) and recertification application (additional 3 monthly grants + 10% Staff Bonus Add-on).
Family Child Care Home	\$2,000	\$12,000
Group Family Child Care Home	\$3,000	\$18,000
License-exempt provider	\$400	\$2,400

<sup>1</sup> <http://www.dhs.ri.gov/Documents/DHSChildCareSurveySeriesSummary1.2021.pdf>



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### Application Timeline

All licensed programs will need to submit an online grant application prior to award. The application window will open on October 20, 2021 and the link to the application will be emailed to eligible providers and will be available at <http://kids.ri.gov/funding-opportunities.php>.

Provider Type	Application Type	Application Window	Anticipated Funding Amount
Family Child Care Home	Initial Application	October 20, 2021- February 4, 2022	6 monthly grants in 1 lump sum payment
Group Family Child Care Home			
License-Exempt			
Child Care Centers	Initial Application	October 20, 2021- February 4, 2022	3 monthly grants in 1 lump sum payment
	Recertification	January 2022- April 2022	3 monthly grants + 10% Staff Bonus Add-on (if eligible) in 1 lump sum payment

DHS anticipates disbursing funds within 30 business days of receiving a completed grant application.

Providers will elect to receive funds either by direct deposit or by mailed check. Electing to receive funds by check may delay payment up to an additional 30 business days due to processing and mail delivery.

### Additional Resources

We want this application process to be straightforward and are here to answer your questions! There are several ways to access assistance, in English and Spanish, while applying for a Stabilization Grant.

- **View online resources and webinars** at <http://kids.ri.gov/funding-opportunities.php>.
- **Attend weekly office hours.** The schedule for Child Care Centers and Family Child Care Home providers is posted at <http://kids.ri.gov/funding-opportunities.php> Spanish interpretation is available in each session.
- **Contact us!** Reach out to our team, in English or Spanish, at: [ChildCareGrants@pcqus.com](mailto:ChildCareGrants@pcqus.com) or **833-930-3540**.