

Implementation of CARES Act Funding: Phase I and Phase II

The Office of Early Learning, in cooperation with the Florida Department of Education, is directing Florida allocations from the CARES Act to contracted and non-contracted providers who need support to remain open or to re-open. Allocations are being made in two phases.

Phase I: Emergency Child Care Relief Grants for Providers

For providers that were open as of April 30, 2020

The following funding allocations will support providers that were open on April 30, 2020. Providers may have had intermittent closures; however, providers closed permanently after April 30, 2020 are not eligible for these funds.

Phase I Contracted Provider Funding & Eligibility

Capacity Range	Base Grant Funding	Bonus for Serving Infant/Toddler and/or Special Needs
1 - 12	\$ 2,250	\$ 2,000
13 - 20	\$ 3,750	\$ 2,000
21 - 74	\$ 6,000	\$ 2,000
75 -149	\$ 12,000	\$ 2,000
150+	\$ 18,000	\$ 2,000

Providers must meet each of the following criteria for payment:

1. Was open for business providing early learning services as of April 30, 2020 (may have had intermittent closures).
2. Has a current/active SR or VPK contract on April 30, 2020, with at least one early learning coalition or Redlands Christian Migrant Association, Inc.
3. Completes grant application.

Phase I Non-Contracted Provider Funding & Eligibility

Capacity Range	Base Grant Funding
1 - 12	\$ 1,725
13 - 20	\$ 2,875
21 - 74	\$ 4,600
75 -149	\$ 9,200
150+	\$ 13,800

Providers must meet each of the following criteria for payment:

1. Was open for business providing early learning services as of April 30, 2020 (may have had intermittent closures).
2. Agrees to complete a Child Care Resource and Referral (CCR&R) profile in the Florida Early Learning Provider Services Portal.;
3. Has not received any Class I DCF violations within the past 12 months.
4. Did not have a contract with the early learning coalition terminated for cause within the past five years.
5. Is not included on the Florida Child Care Food Program USDA Disqualified List.
6. Completes grant application, which includes submitting an IRS Form W-9 for payment.



Phase II: High-Quality Reopening Support Grants for Providers

To reopen providers that were closed April 30, 2020

Coalitions will receive additional funding to support contracted and non-contracted providers that were **closed for business as of April 30, 2020** and **have either reopened or are planning to reopen**. If providers have not reopened by the projected date in their application, the coalition may recoup these funds.

Phase II Contracted Provider Funding & Eligibility

Capacity Range	Base Grant Funding	Bonus for Serving Infant/Toddler and/or Special Needs
1 - 12	\$ 1,575	\$ 2,000
13 - 20	\$ 2,625	\$ 2,000
21 - 74	\$ 4,200	\$ 2,000
75 -149	\$ 8,400	\$ 2,000
150+	\$ 12,600	\$ 2,000

Providers must meet each of the following criteria for payment:

1. Was closed for business as of April 30, 2020 and has reopened providing early learning services or plans to reopen by August 1, 2020 (consistent with local ordinances or restrictions).
2. Has a current/active SR or VPK contract on April 30, 2020, with at least one early learning coalition or Redlands Christian Migrant Association, Inc.
3. Has either Gold Seal status or CLASS composite score of 3.5 or higher.
4. Completes grant application, which includes plans for expenditure of funds and reopen date or tentative date for reopening.

Phase II Non-Contracted Provider Funding & Eligibility

Capacity Range	Base Grant Funding
1 - 12	\$ 1,208
13 - 20	\$ 2,013
21 - 74	\$ 3,220
75 -149	\$ 6,440
150+	\$ 9,660

Providers must meet each of the following criteria for payment:

1. Was closed for business as of April 30, 2020, and has reopened providing early learning services or plans to reopen by August 1, 2020 (consistent with local ordinances or restrictions).
2. Agrees to complete a Child Care Resource and Referral (CCR&R) profile in the Florida Early Learning Provider Services Portal.
3. Has not received any Class I DCF violations within the past 12 months.
4. Did not have a contract with the early learning coalition terminated for cause within the past five years.
5. Has either Gold Seal status or a CLASS composite score of 3.5 or higher.
6. Is not included on the Florida Child Care Food Program (CCFP) USDA Disqualified List.
7. Completes grant application, which includes plans for expenditure of funds, entering a reopened date or tentative date for reopening, and submitting an IRS Form W-9 for payment.

