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Welcome to the Info Session for the

Whatcom/Bellingham ARPA Grant

Innovative Approaches to Child Care Sustainability

Hosted by C-RECC NW for Whatcom County licensed Child Care providers





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FUNDING ANNOUNCEMENT

- The **Whatcom/Bellingham ARPA Innovative Approaches to Child Care Sustainability** funding is provided to C-RECC, NW and is jointly financed by Whatcom County and City of Bellingham federal allocation of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) dollars.
- Awarded grants will focus on assisting child care businesses with organizational and workforce stability as a means supporting the child care needs of local families.
- Qualifying child care business owners/providers impacted by COVID-19 may apply for financial assistance.



PROVIDER ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

- Licensed child care business/provider located in Whatcom County and currently open (Licensed prior to March 31, 2022)
- Valid/current DCYF Child Care License
- Suffered business losses (revenue) and business interruption (lower enrollment) due to COVID-19 impact
- Business is not facing any pending litigation or legal action; is not suspended or debarred from the use of federal funds; and is not delinquent on any taxes
- Ability to accomplish the goals/plan submitted in application within the financial award range based on child care business size



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FUNDING FOCUS: RECOVERY

Innovative Approaches to Child Care Sustainability grant focuses on *recovery* from the pandemic and allows you to be creative with your business recovery, moving forward to long term sustainability.

You have flexibility to choose where you want/need assistance.



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ELIGIBLE USE OF FUNDS

Use of funding includes but is not limited to:

- Staff innovation strategies
 - Extra hands/float staff
 - IEP teacher, part time or full time
 - Staff retention bonuses
 - Adding staff, changing staff schedules to 4 day work week
 - Increased pay/competitive wage and benefits packages for employees
- Minor home/facility repair for licensing health and safety compliance
 - Modifications to support children with special needs, care for infants, care for school age
- Rent/Mortgage, utilities, maintenance, food costs, etc.
- Education supplies including supports/assistance needed to care for children with special care needs and disabilities
- Personal Protective Equipment to protect staff and young children's exposure to illness



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NON-ELIGIBLE USE OF FUNDS

***Non-Eligible* use include but are not limited to:**

- Large home/facility repairs and improvements
- Capital projects
- Start-up costs
- Credit Card debt, capital debt, business/personal loans



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Award range based on business size

Type of Facility	Award Range
Family Child Care (capacity 6-12)	\$3,000 - \$15,000
Center (capacity Under 50)	\$10,000 – \$50,000
Center (capacity Over 50)	\$20,000 - \$100,000
School Age Only	\$5,000 - \$20,000
Outdoor Nature-Based	\$10,000 - \$35,000



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Preparing for the application

Information to have ready:

- DCYF License number, initial license date and capacity including ages.
- UBI number (if you have one)
- February 2020/pre-pandemic enrollment and lowest enrollment during pandemic (approx. ok)
- Closures due to pandemic
- 2022 gross revenue
- Amount requested and what you intend to use the funding for.
 - A narrative statement of 300 words or less is part of the application.
 - We recommend consulting with your coach and/or with C-RECC, as by accepting this funding there is 12-months of business stabilization and technical assistance support collaborating with your existing Early Learning Coach and C-RECC, NW.
 - Please note: your EL Coach and C-RECC are both part of the Quality Child Care division at the Opportunity Council and work closely as a team to assist providers within the child care industry.



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How to submit an application

The Innovative Approaches to Child Care Sustainability grant application will open on December 19, 2022. A reminder email will be sent

- The application can also be found on the C-RECC webpage, located at www.ccanorthwest.org/c-recc/
- Primary consideration given to applications received before January 23, 2023
- The funding cycle ends November 30, 2024. Applications will be accepted until all funding is awarded



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Questions or Comments?

Contact us at: childcarebiz@oppco.org



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