



**COLORADO
SHINES**
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START STRONG
QUALITY EARLY LEARNING

The 2024-25 Colorado Shines
Quality Improvement (CSQI) funding
application is **OPEN** for your program.

Colorado Shines Quality Improvement Grants

**Time and funds for the CSQI grant are limited!
Don't miss out on this opportunity!**

CSQI funds are allocated based on program type (center/home), number of classrooms, and program quality level. These stipends support the provision of coaching to include in-person, intensive support offered by subject matter experts to enhance particular aspects of quality; non-consumable materials for the child care learning environment; or to compensate for professional development (qualifying Early Childhood Education college coursework, conferences or trainings).

TYPES OF CSQI GRANTS

Targeted (TSQI) grant is for programs serving infants and toddlers, having an active CCCAP fiscal agreement, a MOU with JI, and a Colorado Shines rating of Level 2–5.

Expanded (ESQI) grant is for programs without a CCCAP fiscal agreement, serving a high-needs population and a Level 1–5 rating.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

- Programs receiving TSQI and ESQI funds will receive **10 hours of coaching at a minimum**, and may request more if needed.
- Up to **\$7,500 in Capital Improvement funding** is available to providers licensed to serve infants and toddlers (up to age 29 months) and participating in TSQI. Programs participating in TSQI for the 2024-2025 fiscal year will have the opportunity to complete an application for Capital Improvement funds starting July 1, through the end of August 2024.
- Contact JI's Foundations Outreach Specialist to learn more about qualifying and applying.

STEPS TO APPLY

- Log in to your program's **Colorado Shines account**.
- Click on the **Quality Improvement** tab, then the **QI Incentives** tab, and follow the instructions.
- The application will automatically assign you to either **TSQI** or **ESQI**, depending on your program's qualifications.
- After completing the application, review the information and **check the box** verifying your Colorado Shines and program information is correct.
- Click on the blue **Renew or Apply** button.
- Once your application is complete, click **Submit** button, and you will receive a confirmation message.



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