



Funding Opportunity for Early Childhood Education Programs

Grant Applications OPEN | APPLY TODAY!

The availability of early childhood education is vital to our community's economic recovery! To support YOU, our community of early childhood education providers, as you plan to **Sustain, Rebuild & Reinvent** your programs, Alliance for Kids, in partnership with the Pikes Peak Workforce Center, is launching a **NEW local grant opportunity**. Early childhood education (ECE) programs and family child care homes (FCCHs), which meet the eligibility criteria and in the order in which applications are received, will be funded until funding is no longer available. This grant is to reimburse personnel and operational costs due to COVID-19 from March 10th to November 30th.

FUNDING AWARDS for **Sustain, Rebuild & Reinvent** Early Childhood Education Programs Grant

- **Up to \$11,000:** Large early childhood education (ECE) programs (four or more classrooms) with a successful grant proposal may be awarded up to \$11,000 to reimburse personnel and operational costs due to COVID-19 from March 10th to November 30th.
- **Up to \$7,500:** Small ECE programs (less than four classrooms) with a successful grant proposal may be awarded up to \$7,500 to reimburse personnel and operational costs due to COVID-19 from March 10th to November 30th.
- **Up to \$3,500:** Family Child Care Homes (FCCHs) with a successful grant proposal can be awarded up to \$3,500 to reimburse personnel and operational costs due to COVID-19 from March 10th to November 30th.



For grant assistance and questions, contact Tanise Dixon, TDixon@allianceforkids.org or 719.313.8913.



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Grant Application | Eligibility & Details

Application Deadline: November 24, 2020

(Awarded on first-come, first-serve basis until local funds are utilized in full.)

Grant applicants must commit to the following eligibility criteria:

- Currently open and operating under a current license, in good standing with the Colorado Department of Human Services
- Serve children ages eight years and younger (*Special priority may be given to programs serving infants/toddlers or school-age population.*)
- Must register self in Connecting Colorado and require all staff to do the same
- Must currently hold a Colorado Shines Quality Improvement (CSQI) Grant MOU or be willing to sign up for one within two weeks of acceptance of this grant

ECE programs and FCCHs may utilize CARES Act grant funds to support:

- Personnel/staffing: Personnel expenses from March 10 - November 30, such as those to maintain lower ratios; daily health screenings for children and staff; substitutes, and /or additional staff required to meet modified licensing guidelines; or overtime pay.
- Operating expenses from March 10 - November 30, to include rent/mortgage, utilities and phone, as well as cleaning supplies, cleaning services, PPE equipment such as masks, and restocking of food and/or cleaning supplies in a re-opening program.

ECE Program and FCCH funding awards:

- For large ECE programs with four or more classrooms, a program with a successful proposal can be awarded up to **\$11,000** for operational and salary supports (March 10 - November 30).
- For small ECE programs with less than four classrooms, a program with a successful proposal may be awarded up to **\$7,500** in operational and salary supports (March 10 - November 30).
- For FCCHs, a program with a successful proposal can be awarded up to **\$3,500** for operational and salary supports (March 10 - November 30).

The ECE program or FCCH must commit to showing proof of expenditures for the above purposes. Upon notification of successful grant application and signatures of commitment to eligibility criteria and commitments, the ECE program or FCCH will be mailed 50% of the awarded funds. By December 31st, all receipts/invoices of expenditures are due. After review of meeting funding criteria, the remaining funds will be mailed to grant recipient.

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