

# ARPA Stabilization Grant Briefing

October 28, 2021



# Welcome



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couple reminders while you wait:**

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Welcome	Kathy Glazer, President
Remarks	Pamela Northam, First Lady of Virginia
Presentation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Jenna Conway, Deputy Superintendent, Division of Early Childhood Care and Education, Virginia Department of Education</li><li>• Rebecca Ullrich, Director, Early Childhood Access and Enrollment, Virginia Department of Education</li></ul>
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# Virginia's ARPA Child Care Stabilization Grant Program

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# Overview

*Virginia's Child Care Stabilization Grant Program*



# Purpose of the Stabilization Grant Program

Virginia received \$488 million from the *American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA)* to develop and implement a **Child Care Stabilization Grant Program**.

These resources enable Virginia to offer continued support to child care providers, especially now with a statewide staffing crisis. VDOE seeks to:

- Stabilize child care programs now;
- Support providers to address staffing challenges;
- Help providers make strategic investments in their programs; and
- Incentivize and reward participation in the Child Care Subsidy Program.

Virginia will increase equity by focusing on providers and families who are furthest from opportunity.

# Key lessons learned from CARES

Virginia learned important lessons from four rounds of CARES grants:

- Funding based on **size alone creates inequities**
- Providers need to know **how much funding to expect and when to expect it** to make strategic investments in their staff and programs
- Providers appreciate **flexibility** so they can meet their unique needs
- Application process could be **burdensome and challenging**, especially for family day home providers and providers for whom English is their second language

## Grant period

Eligible providers will receive up to **three** payments on a quarterly basis to cover a 9-month period, with payments beginning in November 2021.

- Applications will be accepted on a rolling basis and reviewed each quarter until March 2022
- Prior to each quarterly payment, the grant award system will update provider information and adjust payments accordingly.

First quarter award	Covers September 2021--November 2021
Second quarter award	Covers December 2021--February 2022
Third quarter	Covers March 2022--May 2022



# Eligibility

*Eligibility based on federal law and guidance*



# Who is eligible to receive a grant?

Under federal law, grants are available to two “groups” of providers:

Providers that were licensed, registered, or otherwise regulated as of March 11, 2021, including:

- licensed family day homes and child day centers;
- religious-exempt child day centers;
- certified preschools;
- local government-approved child day centers;
- voluntarily registered family day homes;
- family day homes approved by a licensed family day system; and
- family day homes approved by local ordinance.

Providers that are approved Child Care Subsidy Program vendors.

- Any program that was NOT licensed, registered, or approved by March 11 must become an approved Child Care Subsidy Program vendor to receive a grant.

## Are temporarily closed programs eligible for funding?

Programs that are temporarily closed for more than 2 weeks due to financial hardship or other reasons associated with the COVID-19 pandemic are eligible for grant funding at a reduced rate.

- If your program opens during the grant period, payments issued after your reopening date will reflect the higher rate for open programs.

Programs that have closed permanently--meaning their license or approval to operate has been withdrawn--are not eligible to receive grant funding.

## Who is not eligible to receive a grant?

- Child care centers that are **exempt** from licensure (except religious-exempt CDCs and certified preschools)
- Early childhood programs operated by **local school divisions**
- Programs operated directly by **Head Start recipients**
  - **Private child care providers that contract with Head Start recipients to provide Head Start services are eligible**
- Child care programs that became **newly operational after March 11, 2021**, and do not become an approved subsidy vendor
- Child care programs that have **permanently closed**



# Virginia's Grant Formula

*Based on feedback from providers who received CARES and federal guidance for the ARPA funding*



# Grant formula

Grant awards will be issued based on:

- Licensed or approved capacity
- Operating status (open or closed)
- Full- or part-time operation
- Location in a high-need community, as identified by the CDC's Social Vulnerability Index (SVI)

# Grant formula

Grant awards will be issued based on:

- **Licensed or approved capacity**
- Full- or part-time operation
- Operating status (e.g., full-time, part-time)
- Location in a high-need area (e.g., Title I, Social Vulnerability Index)

This refers to the number of children you are authorized to serve, not how many are actually enrolled.

# Grant formula

Grant awards will be issued based on:

- Licensed or approved capacity
- **Full- or part-time operation**
- Operating status
- Location in a high-need area or Social Vulnerability Index

Programs are considered part-time if they operate for 780 hours or less in a given year.

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# Grant formula

Grant awards will be issued based on:

- Licensed or approved capacity
- Full- or part-time operation
- **Operating status (open or closed)**

Programs are considered open if they:

- Are open and operational to serve children in-person at the time of application; or
- Are generally open and operational but at the time of application are closed for 14 days or less according to public health guidance due to COVID-19 exposure.

Programs are considered closed if they:

- Are, on a temporary basis, not serving children (for longer than 14 days) for financial or other reasons associated with the COVID-19 pandemic; or
- Are serving children virtually only.

# Grant formula

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The Social Vulnerability Index (SVI) was created by CDC to identify communities that are likely to need greater levels of support before, during, and after disasters like the COVID-19 pandemic. Virginia will provide a 10% increase in the base rate for providers in a city or county whose SVI is at or above the 50th percentile.

- **Location in a high-need community, as identified by the CDC's Social Vulnerability Index (SVI)\***

## Child Care Subsidy Program Incentive

There will also be a one-time incentive for programs who are participating in or join the Child Care Subsidy Program.

- Open child care providers that **currently participate** in the Child Care Subsidy Program (CCSP) as an approved vendor will receive a **bonus** worth 20 percent of their base grant rate in their initial payment.
- Providers that **enroll** in the CCSP before March 1, 2022 will receive the subsidy bonus in the following quarter.
- Closed programs will **not** be eligible for the bonus until they re-open. These programs will be eligible for the subsidy bonus in the quarter after they re-open.

# Grant award ranges by program type and size (open programs)

	Full-time		Part-time	
	Minimum	Maximum	Minimum	Maximum
Family day homes <i>3-12 children</i>	\$6,000	\$29,040	\$3,000	\$14,520
Small centers <i>75 children or less</i>	\$11,200	\$127,050	\$5,600	\$63,525
Medium centers <i>76-150 children</i>	\$105,700	\$190,575	\$63,949	\$95,288
Large centers <i>151-250 children</i>	\$157,850	\$232,925	\$95,409	\$107,388
Extra-large centers <i>251 children or more</i>	\$233,046	\$263,175	\$107,448	\$122,513

\*Minimum assumes fewest number of children and no multiplier or bonus. Maximum assumes largest number of children, the SVI multiplier, and the subsidy vendor bonus. For small centers, minimum award estimations assume 5 children. For extra-large centers, maximum award estimations assume 500 children.



# Funding Conditions & Allowable Expenses

*These conditions are established under federal law*



# Conditions of receiving funding

Per federal law, providers are required to *agree* that they will:

- Meet local, state, and federal public safety guidance, regulations, and/or laws;
- Meet the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's (CDC's) operating guidelines to the extent possible;
- Not reduce employees' weekly pay and benefits during the grant period, including during periods of temporary closure;
- To the extent possible, use the funds to provide tuition and copayment relief for families in care that are struggling to make payments; and
- Use grant funds for approved purposes (next slide).

Providers will indicate their agreement by electronically signing and submitting an application.

# Conditions of receiving funding

To receive a Child Care Stabilization Grant, providers are required by federal law to *agree* that they will:

- Meet local, state, and federal public safety guidance, regulations, and/or laws;

This means programs are expected to follow, as applicable and/or practicable:

- VDOE's Guidelines for Child Care Programs
- DOLI's Revised Virginia Standard For Infectious Disease Prevention Of COVID-19
- Virginia's Public Health Order on masks in public and private schools
- CDC Transportation Order for Masks
- Federal vaccine/testing mandates for public and private employers

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- Not **This means programs should stay up-to-date on the CDC guidelines for child care programs and follow them to the extent practical and developmentally appropriate for children in care.**
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- **Not reduce employees' weekly pay and benefits during the grant period, including during periods of temporary closure:**

For the purposes of the grant program, "employees" refers to any staff employed by the child care program, including educational, administrative, food service, and transportation staff. If the licensed or regulated entity provides services other than child care, "employees" refers to staff that exclusively support the child care program's operations and daily activities.

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- Meet local, state, and federal public safety guidance, regulations, and/or laws;
- Meet state and federal guidance;
- Not receive other federal funding for the same purpose; and
- **To the extent possible, use the funds to provide tuition and copayment relief for families in care that are struggling to make payments; and**
- Use grant funds for at least one approved purpose (next slide).

This is recommended but not required. Providers are encouraged to direct families struggling to make payments to the Child Care Subsidy Program. Copayments for eligible families are covered by the state through 5/31/2022.

Providers will indicate their agreement by submitting an application

# Approved uses of funding

Category	Description/Examples
Personnel costs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Wages and benefits, including increases in compensation, premium or hazard pay, or staff bonuses</li><li>• Benefits, including health, dental, or vision insurance; paid sick or family leave; and retirement contributions</li><li>• Scholarships and ongoing professional development or training</li><li>• Employee transportation costs</li><li>• Supports for staff to access COVID-19 vaccines, including paid time off for appointments and managing side effects</li></ul>
Rent, utilities, facilities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Rent (including under a lease agreement) or payment on any mortgage obligation</li><li>• Utility payments</li></ul>

# Approved uses of funding

Category	Description/Examples
PPE, cleaning, and other health and safety practices	Equipment, supplies, services, and training that help providers mitigate the spread of COVID-19 and/or meet state and local health and safety guidelines. <b>Note: approved activities under this category are not limited to those specifically to respond to the COVID-19 public health emergency.</b>
Equipment and supplies	Purchases or updates to respond to the COVID-19 public health emergency, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li data-bbox="529 668 2328 765">• Indoor and outdoor equipment and supplies that facilitate social distancing, minimize sharing, and allow for regular outdoor play</li><li data-bbox="529 776 1921 819">• Business software and upgrades and/or technology improvements</li></ul>
Goods and services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li data-bbox="529 886 2456 983">• Material goods necessary for regular operations, including food, equipment, toys and books, and feeding or diapering supplies</li><li data-bbox="529 995 2354 1092">• Services necessary for regular operations, such as business automation training, shared services, child care management services, food services, and transportation</li><li data-bbox="529 1103 2448 1146">• Fees associated with licensing and/or costs associated with meeting licensing requirements</li></ul>
Mental health services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li data-bbox="529 1265 1857 1308">• Infant and early childhood mental health consultation services</li><li data-bbox="529 1319 1722 1362">• Mental health consultations and other supports for staff</li></ul>

## Approved uses of funding (continued)

- Funds may not be used for capital investments (i.e., new construction or major renovations to your facility).
- Funds may be used for allowable expenses incurred prior to the grant period.
- There is no time frame to spend the funds.

## Other expectations for grant recipients

- VDOE will monitor providers for compliance with the grant requirements.
  - Providers should maintain receipts, expense reports, and other documentation to show they met grant requirements.
  - Providers should keep these documents for at least 5 years.
- Providers are expected to notify VDOE if they permanently close during the grant period.
- Funding may be discontinued if a program is found to be in violation of applicable laws or regulations.



# Sneak Peek: VDOE's Application Portal



## What to know before you apply

- All providers need an email address to submit an application. Paper applications will not be accepted.
- The application is available in English, Spanish, Arabic, Korean, Vietnamese, and traditional and simple Chinese.
- You will not need to upload any supporting documentation to complete the application.

## What to know before you apply (cont'd)

- Some information about your facility will be pre-populated from the child care licensing or other local regulatory database. You can update this information if needed.
- You'll need the following information handy to complete the remainder of the application:
  - Information about your operating status (operating hours, open/closed status)
  - Whether you are a Head Start grantee
  - The city or county where your facility is located
  - Tax information about your facility's legal entity (i.e., a W-9 form)

# Creating a user account

You'll start by creating a user account with your email address.

## Log in

Welcome to the Child Care Stabilization grant application system!

\* Username

\* Password

[Forgot Password?](#)

[Don't have an account? Register here](#)

## Registration

\* First Name

\* Last Name

\* Email

\* Confirm Email

[Already have an account?](#)

# Welcome!

Click here to view the application in another language.

The Official Child Care Grants Assistance Portal for the State of Virginia

English

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Visit the provider portal to apply for a grant or view your application and payment history

Provider Portal

## Welcome

The Virginia Department of Education (VDOE) is pleased to offer continued support to the child care sector through a NEW federal grant program. The [Child Care Stabilization Grant Program](#) was created by Congress through the American Rescue Plan Act to provide financial relief to child care providers impacted by the coronavirus pandemic.

For more information about the Child Care Stabilization Grant Program, including provider eligibility, grant rules, timelines, and frequently asked questions, please visit [www.childcareva.com/grants](http://www.childcareva.com/grants).

**Note:** To receive a Child Care Stabilization Grant, you must apply, even if you have received grant funding in the past. Once you have applied, subsequent payments will be issued automatically.

Click here to apply for a grant now!

Need help completing your application? Contact the HelpDesk at:

+1 855-673-1036

[childcaregrants@doe.virginia.gov](mailto:childcaregrants@doe.virginia.gov)

You can call the HelpDesk or email the grants team for assistance.

# Connecting your account with your facility record



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## Provider Verification

Welcome to the Child Care Stabilization Grant Application Portal.  
Search for your facility or find a previously submitted application below.

**NOTE:** Your user account must be linked to a facility to access the application.

Facility Type

Facility ID

Your Facility ID can be found on your grant eligibility notification letter.

Providers licensed or regulated by the Virginia Department of Education can also find their Facility ID using the provider search tool at <https://www.dss.virginia.gov/facility/search/cc2.cgi>.

Unlicensed family day homes approved by local ordinance and unlicensed family day homes approved by a licensed family day system can contact [childcaregrants@doe.virginia.gov](mailto:childcaregrants@doe.virginia.gov) for help finding their Facility ID.

Please click **Search Provider** to confirm your facility.

Facility Type

-- Clear --

- Licensed child day center (CDC)
- Licensed family day home (FDH)
- Voluntarily Registered Family Day Home (VR)
- Religiously Exempt Child Day Center (CCE)
- Certified Preschool (CNS)
- Short-term child day center (CCS)

Please click **Search Provider** to confirm your facility.

## Where do I find my facility ID?

Programs licensed or regulated by VDOE can find their facility ID using the [Child Care Search Tool](#).

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Licensed child day center (CDC) ▾

Facility ID  
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Clear All

OR

Choose an existing Application  
▾

Note: If your account is not associated with a provider, you will need to search for a provider

Provider Name	Facility ID	Facility Type	Address	Facility Contact	Action
Sample Facility	1122334455	CDC	My Sample Facility Virginia Beach VA 23460 United States	Sample Facility	Select

Please select your program and click next.

When you click "Select," a one-time security code will be sent to the email associated with the facility record in the child care licensing database, the locality in which you are approved, or with Infant Toddler Family Day Care. The Security Code will expire 24 hours after it is requested. Please make sure you have access to the email to retrieve this code to complete the verification process. If you are unsure who will receive the email or need to update this information, please contact [childcaregrants@doe.virginia.gov](mailto:childcaregrants@doe.virginia.gov).

If you don't see your facility and have confirmed that your Facility ID is correct, please contact [childcaregrants@doe.virginia.gov](mailto:childcaregrants@doe.virginia.gov) for support.

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# Completing your application

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## Overview

Virginia is excited to offer additional support to the child care sector through the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Child Care Stabilization Grant Program. For more information about the Child Care Stabilization Grant Program, including provider eligibility, grant rules, and frequently asked questions, please visit [www.childcareva.com/grants](http://www.childcareva.com/grants). We strongly encourage you to review the available resources before submitting your application.

Eligible child care providers will receive up to three payments on a quarterly basis over a 9-month period.

Once you have successfully submitted an application, the next quarter's grant payment will be issued to you automatically. **You do not have to reapply.** Someone from the Virginia Department of Education (VDOE) will reach out to you if we need more information to process your next grant payment.

Note: The VDOE is working with the Virginia Early Childhood Foundation (VECF) to issue grants. Checks or electronic payments will come from VECF through BILL.COM.

### Completing the application

**Who?** The application must be submitted by the facility contact (as identified in the state licensing database) or by an appropriate designee who can act as the primary point of contact about your facility's application.

**What?** For your convenience, portions of the application have been pre-filled with information from the child care licensing database. To verify and to complete the remaining required application fields, you must have the following information:

- Information about your facility, including your facility ID, program type, the name and contact information of the facility administrator, your facility address, and the number of children you are authorized to serve
- Your facility's operational status, including whether you are open or temporarily closed, whether you are a Head Start grantee or delegate, and the number of hours you operate each year
- Your facility's tax information
- How your facility would like to be paid (paper check or direct deposit).
  - Note: All providers that receive a payment in the first quarter will be paid via check. This information will be used to issue second and third quarter payments.
- Demographic information about your facility owner/operator or administrator/director (the person who is responsible for overseeing the day-to-day activities at your facility).
  - Note: This section is optional, but will help VDOE track our goals of equitably distributing grant payments to providers across the Commonwealth.

**When?** The application must be completed in one sitting and will take approximately 15-20 minutes to complete. For security reasons, after 30 minutes of inactivity, your session will expire and all data will be lost. Please only use the PREVIOUS and NEXT buttons to navigate through the application.

**How?** All applications must be submitted electronically using the application portal.

- You will verify your information and input additional responses into the application form.
- There are no requirements for uploading documents.
- VDOE will not accept applications via mail or email.
- Applications are available in English, Spanish, Arabic, Korean, Vietnamese, and Chinese (simplified and traditional).

### Contact and support

+1 855-673-1036 [childcaregrants@doe.virginia.gov](mailto:childcaregrants@doe.virginia.gov)

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## Information about You and Your Facility

The following information about your facility has been pre-filled from state and/or local regulatory databases. Please review the information below and make corrections as needed.

Facility Name  
Sample Facility

\* Physical Street  
My Sample Facility

\* Physical City  
Virginia Beach

Physical State/Province  
VA

\* Physical Zip Code  
23460

\* Number of children you are authorized to serve  
50

\* Name of facility contact  
603-111-1111

\* Facility Contact Email  
my-email@samplefacility.com

\* Facility Contact Phone Number  
(555) 555-5555

\* Are you an approved Child Care Subsidy Program vendor? This refers to the state subsidy program overseen by VDOE and administered by the Virginia Department of Social Services.  
 Yes  
 No

**Tell us about how we can get in touch with you about your grant application.**  
Your name and title, if different from the facility contact above

Name  
Jane Smith

Title  
Site Administrator

Please provide the best email and phone number for questions about your grant application.  
Note: You will receive automated notifications about your grant award at the email associated with your facility.

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## Operational Status

\*What is the current operational status of your program?

- Open and serving children in-person
- Open and serving children virtually only
- Open but not serving children in-person due to quarantining or temporary closure under the advisement of a local health department for less than 14 days
- Closed due to financial hardship or other reasons relating to the COVID-19 public health emergency

\*Does your program operate on a part-time basis (defined as less than 780 hours per year)?

- Yes
- No

\*Does your program provide Early Head Start or Head Start services?

- No
- Yes, we are an Early Head Start or Head Start recipient. We receive federal funds directly from the Office of Head Start.
- Yes, we are an Early Head Start or Head Start delegate. We operate a Head Start program on behalf of a Head Start grantee in our community.
- Yes, we are a private program that serves Early Head Start or Head Start children through a contract with a local Head Start or Early Head Start program.

\*In Which city or county is your facility located?

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## Tax Information

For security purposes, please complete the following information in order to receive payment. The questions below are from the [IRS W9 form](#). The form has directions for filling out specific questions beginning on page 2 of the form.

\* Legal Name (as shown on your income tax return)

Business name, if different from above

Please select the appropriate taxpayer identification number (EIN, SSN, or ITIN) type and enter your 9-digit ID number. View the [IRS W-9 form instructions](#) for more information.

\* Taxpayer Identification Type

Social Security Number (SSN)

Individual Taxpayer Identification Number (ITIN)

Employer Identification Number (EIN)

\* Taxpayer identification number

\* Check appropriate box for federal tax classification of the person whose name is entered above. (check only one)

Individual

Sole proprietor

Partnership

Trust

Estate

Government

Non-Profit

C Corporation

S Corporation

Disregarded Entity

Limited Liability Company (LLC)

LLC-Partnership

LLC-Corporation

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## Method of Payment

Grants will not be paid directly by VDOE; rather, VDOE is working with the Virginia Early Childhood Foundation (VECF) to issue payments for grant awards. To provide payments, we need to gather some information from you about your payment preferences.

Please note that all first quarter grant payments will be issued via paper check to avoid delays in processing. Your check will be mailed to the name and address on your W-9 Form in the previous section.

Checks will come directly from VECF's third-party vendor, [Bill.com](#)

\* How would you like to receive your payment?

- Check (by mail)
- EFT (electronic fund transfer or direct deposit)

\* What is the email address of the bank account holder in which funds would be deposited?

email@samplefacility.org

Note: The bank account holder will receive a separate communication via email from VECF's vendor [BILL.COM](#) with instructions to enroll in direct deposit. If these steps are not completed before payment is issued, you will receive a paper check.

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## Demographic Information about Your Facility Leader

These questions are optional. Please note your responses to the following questions will only be used for informational purposes and will not be used to determine your grant award amount.  
Please provide the following information about your facility's director or administrator (if center) or family day home operator. This should be the person that oversees day-to-day activities at your site.

**Race (check all that apply)**

- American Indian/Alaska Native
- Black or African American
- Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander
- Asian
- White
- Other (please specify)

**Ethnicity**

- Hispanic/Latinx
- Non-Hispanic/Latinx

**Primary Language Spoken**

- English
- Spanish
- Arabic
- Chinese (including Mandarin and Cantonese)
- Korean
- Vietnamese
- Tagalog
- Other (please specify)

**Gender**

- Male
- Female
- Non-binary
- Other (please specify)
- Prefer not to respond

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## Planned Use of Grant Funds

\* Providers are permitted to spend grant funds on the following types of expenditures (see this FAQ for more information). Please indicate how you plan to spend the funds.

- Wages or salaries and/or benefits for my staff
- Rent or mortgage payments, utilities, or insurance
- Costs associated with maintaining or improving my facility
- Personal protective equipment
- Cleaning or sanitation supplies
- Other equipment or supplies related to the COVID-19 public health emergency
- Goods and services necessary to maintain or resume child care services
- Mental health supports for children and staff
- Professional development or training related to cleaning and sanitation, public health and safety

***Please note this is for informational purposes only, and your response to this question is not binding. You may choose to spend the grant funds for a different approved purpose once you receive them.***

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## Award Calculation

Grant awards will be distributed on a quarterly basis beginning November 2021. Please review the grants webpage at [www.childcareva.com/grants](http://www.childcareva.com/grants) for more information about application deadlines and timelines for payment.

The table below reflects your tentative grant award based on current conditions indicated in your application, subject to verification and approval. Note that the total grant award generated below assumes an award is issued in the first quarter and all three payments are received with no changes in status that would affect your grant award. However, total grant award values will be prorated based on when you apply. Providers that apply in the second quarter will receive two payments. Providers that apply in the third quarter will receive one payment.

Changes in the number of children you are authorized to serve, your operating status, and/or your facility location may impact the amount of future payments. If you are not currently an approved Child Care Subsidy Program vendor but become approved prior to March 1, 2022, your one-time subsidy vendor bonus will be included in the following grant award.

<b>Base Award</b>	
Approved capacity	50
Part-time operator	No
Operating status (open or closed)	Open and serving children in-person
<b>Location in a high need community</b>	
Located in a city or county for which the Social Vulnerability Index is $\geq 0.50$ ?	No
<b>Total Grant Amount</b>	\$70,000.00
<i>Assuming three payments</i>	
Payment per quarter, pending no change to facility status	\$23,333.33
<b>Child Care Subsidy Program (CCSP) participation</b>	
Approved CCSP vendor?	Yes
Subsidy vendor bonus	\$14,000.00

# Completing your application

Home Rebecca Ullrich ▾

## Certification and Electronic Signature

By signing this application, I certify that I will meet the following requirements from today's date until May 31, 2022:

1. I will use the funds only for approved purposes as required by federal law.
2. I will maintain records and other documentation related to the use of any funds received under Virginia's Child Care Stabilization Grant program for at least five years following the end of the grant period.
3. I will implement policies and procedures with local and state guidelines, as well as the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's (CDC's) operating guidelines, to the greatest extent possible.
4. I will abide by all local, state, and federal regulations and laws.
5. I will continue paying each employee (including lead teachers, aids, and any other staff who are employed by the child care provider to work in transportation, food preparation, or other type of service) at least the same salary or weekly wages and maintain the same benefits (such as health insurance or retirement benefits) for the duration of the grant, including during periods of temporary closure or quarantine. I will not furlough any such employees from the date of application until the end of the grant period.
6. I will use the funds to provide tuition and copayment relief for families that are struggling to make payments to the extent possible.
7. I agree that the Commonwealth of Virginia or the federal government may audit and/or investigate my facility (including by entering the premises or examining any records that I am required to maintain) at any time during the grant period and for five years following the end of the grant period. I further agree to cooperate fully with any such audit or investigation.
8. I will notify VDOE at [childcaregrants@doe.virginia.gov](mailto:childcaregrants@doe.virginia.gov) if my program closes permanently during the grant period.

If you have questions about what these conditions entail, please review the Frequently Asked Questions documents at [www.childcareva.com/grants](http://www.childcareva.com/grants).

\*Signature  \*Date

\*By clicking this box, I acknowledge that I have read, understand, and agree to abide by the terms and provisions of the Child Care Stabilization Grant Program. I certify that all information included in this application is accurate to the best of my knowledge or belief.

# Review your information before submitting

## Review Application

Each page will be shown with the provided information.

Carefully review the information below for accuracy and completion. Once you have reviewed, click "submit" to submit your application.

Edit

### Information about You and Your Facility

**Facility Name**

Sample Facility

**Physical Address**

My Sample Facility Virginia Beach VA

**Physical Zip Code**

23460

**Number of children you are authorized to serve**

50

**Name of facility contact**

603-111-1111

**Facility Contact Phone Number**

5555555555

**Facility Contact Email**

[my-email@samplefacility.com](mailto:my-email@samplefacility.com)

**Are you an approved Child Care Subsidy Program vendor?**  
This refers to the state subsidy program overseen by VDOE and administered by the Virginia Department of Social Services.

Yes

**Your name and title, if different from the facility contact above****Name**

Jane Smith

**Title**

Site Administrator

**Email**

Same email as facility contact above

**Phone Number**

Same phone number as facility contact above

**Would you like to receive text message notifications about your grant application?**

No

# Confirmation



## Application Submitted

**Thank you for applying for Virginia's Child Care Stabilization Grant Program.**

Your application number is **ARP00108**

You may review your application by clicking the download button below.

If you have questions about the status of your grant application or need to correct or update information on your application, please contact [\\_childcaregrants@doe.virginia.gov](mailto:childcaregrants@doe.virginia.gov). Please include your application number in the subject line.

Applications will be reviewed on a rolling basis as they are received. A VDOE team member will reach out with questions about your application.

[Download Application](#)

[I'm Done](#)

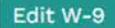
# Checking your grant status

Welcome Rebecca,

## Child Care Stabilization Grant Eligibility

Provider Name	Facility ID	Facility Type	Current Grant Eligibility
Sample Facility	1122334455	CDC	 Eligible As of 10/27/2021

## Submitted Applications

Application Number	Status	Date Applied	Estimated total award as of date of application	
ARP00108	Review Needed	10/28/2021	\$70000	 

*\*Estimated grant award does not account for changes in operational status that may affect your grant value. Final quarterly payments are detailed below.*



# Addressing the Staffing Crisis



# A sector and workforce in crisis



Economy

## 'The pay is absolute crap': Child-care workers are quitting rapidly, a red flag for the economy

Child care employment is still down more than 126,000 positions as workers leave for higher-paying positions as bank tellers, administrative assistants and retail clerks. Parents are struggling to return to work as daycare and after-school programs dwindle.



POLITICS

## America's 'unworkable' child-care system is failing families, Treasury Department says

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## Childcare centers face staffing shortages nationwide as families flock to their doors



## Many child-care workers don't earn a living wage—and that was the case even before the pandemic

Published Wed, Feb 24 2021-12:46 PM EST | Updated Wed, Feb 24 2021-2:12 PM EST

*A recent survey from The National Association for the Education of Young Children found four in five day cares nationwide are understaffed.*

*78% of those surveyed said low wages are the main reason it's hard to recruit new employees.*

## Five action areas to support the field

1. Provide funding to help increase compensation while also working to increase subsidy rates
2. Address hiring barriers where possible
3. Offering flexibility on health and safety where possible
4. Supporting a temporary increase in ratios
5. Increasing public awareness of the early childhood educator profession

# Status on action areas

Action Area	Status Update
Funding for compensation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Child Care Stabilization Grants launch November 1</li><li>• More than 6,000 educators are signed up for Early Childhood Educator Incentive which is now up to \$2,000 per educator</li><li>• Analysis is being done to re-calculate subsidy rates based on costs of quality, not the market; goal is to increase rates in 2022</li></ul>
Hiring barriers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• VDSS is working on background check portability by January 2022</li><li>• Exploring how to allow for provisional employment</li></ul>
Health and safety flexibility	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 90 day implementation period for new Child Day Center regulations</li><li>• Process underway with Early Childhood Advisory Council to streamline regulations</li></ul>
New ratio flexibility	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Specific details and guidance to be released in November (next slide)</li></ul>
Early childhood educator profession awareness	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Child Care Aware of Virginia launched a job board</li><li>• Exploring a statewide campaign to raise the profile of early childhood care and education and attract more educators to the field</li></ul>

## More detail on ratio flexibility

The General Assembly provided the State Superintendent with specific flexibility to temporarily increase ratios:

- “The Superintendent of Public Instruction...shall have the authority to alter staff-to-child ratios and group sizes for licensed child day centers and child day centers that participate in the Child Care Subsidy Program by increasing the number of children per staff by (1) one child for groups of children from birth to the age of eligibility to attend public school, and (2) two children for groups of children from the age of eligibility to attend public school through 12 years.”
- “Child day centers that take advantage of this flexibility must notify families in writing of the temporary increase in ratios and group size.”
- Expect more guidance from the Office of Child Care Health and Safety this month on how to request this flexibility and appropriately notify families.

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The new VA Child Care & ECE Job Hub allows programs to generate a job posting and automatically share it to 9 different job search websites simultaneously (including Indeed, Google, LinkedIn, etc.).

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Find and apply for job opportunities using VA Child Care & ECE Job Hub. Search for openings to connect with child care, early education and school-age programs hiring near you! This service is always free for individuals searching for employment!

*For a limited time, hiring programs can utilize this service for FREE. At the end of this trial period, the ability to post jobs and manage applications will only be available to programs who are members of the [Virginia Shared Services Network](#).*

<https://vachildcare.com/child-care-providers/va-child-care-ece-job-hub/>



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# Thank you!

## Contact information

If you have questions about the grant program, please contact [childcaregrants@doe.virginia.gov](mailto:childcaregrants@doe.virginia.gov).

For all other questions, please contact [earlychildhood@doe.virginia.gov](mailto:earlychildhood@doe.virginia.gov).

# Adjourn



Thank you for joining today's webinar.