



Grants for Family, Friend & Neighbor Caregivers Funded by City of Seattle

With \$100,000 in funding from City of Seattle’s Department of Education & Early Learning, Child Care Resources is offering one-time \$500 grants to 200 Family, Friend, and Neighbor Caregivers who live within Seattle city limits. These grants will be made to low income FFN caregivers currently taking care of a child or children for 10 hours or more a week.

Please read on for more details.

Who is eligible to apply for the grant?

Family, friend, and neighbor caregivers who:

- Live within Seattle city limits
- Are currently taking care of at least one child aged birth – 12 years old other than their own for 10 hours per week or more
- Are the child’s:
 - Grandparent or great-grandparent
 - Older sibling
 - Aunt or uncle
 - Any other relatives
 - Family friend
 - Neighbor or other adult not related to the child
- Are 18 years old or older
- Have an income that falls at or below 500% of the 2020 Federal Poverty Level:

<i><u>Income Guidelines:</u></i>	
<i>Household Size</i>	<i>Gross Monthly Income</i>
1	\$0 - \$5,317
2	\$0- \$7,184
3	\$0- \$9,050
4	\$0-\$10,917
5	\$0-\$12,784
6	\$0-\$14,650
7	\$0-\$16,517
8	\$0-\$18,384

Please note these caregivers are **NOT** eligible:

- Licensed child care providers
- Child’s parent (biological, adoptive, step-parent, or parent’s live-in partner)
- Child’s legal guardian or guardian’s spouse or live-in partner



- An adult serving as the child’s parent or that adult’s spouse or live-in partner
- Caregivers who are taking care of more than 6 children younger than 12 years old at one time, including their own children (these caregivers are required to have a child care license)
- Nanny, au pair, or other person whose primary relationship with the child’s parent is as an employee who receives financial and other compensation to care for the child. This includes arrangements where the caregiver works through a service, placement agency, or is directly employed by the parent.

Is the caregiver required to serve children of families accessing the Working Connections Child Care state subsidy to be eligible?

No. Any Family, Friend, and Neighbor caregiver who meets the above qualifications can apply, whether or not they take Working Connections Child Care.

What are the grant amounts?

This is a one-time \$500 grant.

What can these funds be used for?

There are no requirements for how the grants are spent. The grants are intended to provide one-time assistance to FFN caregivers with low incomes.

What is the timeline for the grant application, payments, etc.?

Applications are made available	Friday, January 15, 2021
Applications are due	Friday, January 29, 2021
Notification of grant awards	Wednesday, February 10, 2021
Grantees submit documents to CCR: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • W-9 • Grant Agreement form 	Friday, February 19, 2021
Checks are mailed	By April 9, 2021

How can caregivers apply for the grant?

Beginning Friday, January 15, 2021, the grant application is available online (Survey Monkey) and in PDF format, in English, Amharic, Chinese, Somali, Spanish, Tigrinya, and Vietnamese. Caregivers may complete the application online or using the PDF application form. The PDF application may be printed, completed, and submitted to ffn@childcare.org.

For additional questions or help in completing the application, caregivers can call the Child Care Resources Provider Line at 1-800-446-1114. Language interpretation services are available when you call. If you would like interpretation services, please say in English to the person answering the phone, “Interpretation” and the name of your language in English.



What if a caregiver needs help filling out the application?

Caregivers may call the Child Care Resources Provider Line at 1-800-446-1114 for help in completing the application.

Caregivers may also request other people they know to help them with the application, including family members, friends, case managers, home visitors, family support workers, Kaleidoscope Play & Learn facilitators, and others.

Is there a deadline to apply for this grant?

Yes, the deadline to apply is Friday, January 29, 2021 by 11:59 pm.

When will caregivers be notified if they have been selected to receive the grant or not?

Final award emails will be sent Wednesday, February 10, 2021 to selected caregivers.

Are these grants competitive?

No, these grants are not competitive.

However, it is unlikely there will be enough money to award all caregivers who apply. Priority will be given to caregivers who have the lowest estimated monthly income based on the Federal Poverty Level for 2020. This takes into account monthly household income and household size.

What documentation do selected caregivers need to provide?

Selected caregivers need to complete and send to CCR these documents by Friday, February 19, 2021:

- W-9 (an IRS/tax form)
- Grant Agreement form

These forms will be sent to caregivers in the grant notification email.

Please note that Child Care Resources will not be able to send a check until we receive these documents.

Do caregivers need to submit receipts associated with this grant?

No. Caregivers do not need to submit receipts to CCR for this grant.

How and when will the grants be paid to caregivers?

Grants will be paid by a paper check mailed to the address provided on the grant application.

Checks will be put in the mail by April 9, 2021.

Are the grant funds taxable?

Grant funds are considered income. For purposes of taxes, grants should be treated similarly to other income.