

How to Apply for the Expansion and Emerging Child Care Grant Early Childhood Council of Weld County

Go to Coloradoshines.com

- Open the OEC Portal
- Login with the ATS or QRIS user name and Password or register as a new user
- There is a button “Available Grants”
- Enter your license number/provisional license number for those opening new program
- Complete all fields within the application

Specific parts of the application:

- If you rent your space, a letter of support from the landlord is required for upload into the application
- You must submit a Budget:
 - The Budget template is provided within the application. Download template and complete, then upload into the application.
 - You may want to contact the Early Childhood Council or Licensing Specialist for support if you have questions
 - This budget can be amended after grant has been applied for

Allowable Expenses on the Budget:

- All Expenses must have a justification to explain how the proposed project will assist with increasing the number of child care slots for children in your program.
- The categories of the project are:
 - Coaching
 - Professional Development
 - Learning/Classroom Materials
 - Capitol Improvements
 - Applications that include Capitol Improvements are required to provide 3 bids for work from bonded and insured contractors for each project applied for

Requirements of the Grant:

- Emerging Programs must earn a Level 2 in the QRIS within 12 months of receiving your permanent license, commit to submitting a complete application for a CCCAP fiscal agreement AND indicate acceptance of a CCCAP child through your program profile on your ColoradoShines.com website
- Expanding Programs must earn a minimal of a Level 2 QRIS within 12 months of the grant award, or by June 30, commit to submitting a complete application for a CCCAP fiscal agreement AND indicate acceptance of a CCCAP child through your program profile on your ColoradoShines.com website

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