



Childcare Recovery Package Funding Opportunities Overview

Description:

First 5 Yolo has received American Rescue Plan Act Funds from County of Yolo to support Yolo County childcare providers to recover from the COVID-19 pandemic and to provide infrastructure supports to increase childcare capacity within the County. First 5 Yolo is offering Infrastructure Grants and Recovery Grants for licensed private childcare providers serving Yolo County children 0-5, individuals opening a new licensed private childcare site, and private childcare licensees returning to an active-license status. First 5 Yolo will accept applications on an ongoing basis through February 1, 2023 or until allocated funds have been expended. First 5 Yolo will work with Children's Home Society to distribute funds and monitor progress for awardees.

Intent:

The Childcare Recovery Package aims to support childcare providers interested in increasing capacity, support non-active providers return to active status, and to help stabilize the many private providers across Yolo County who have performed as essential workers during the pandemic and remain open currently.

Providers may choose to apply for one (1) of the following types of grants available:

- 1. Infrastructure Grants (Expansion or Enhancement)**- These grants are intended to support private providers to increase access to licensed care by expanding a license and enrollment, opening a new license, returning to active licensed status, or enhancing a setting to either sustain enrollment or return to full enrollment safely.

Eligibility: Licensed, private providers (State preschool programs are not eligible to apply) of all types and Non-licensed individual/entity seeking their first license are eligible to apply for the following activities:

- Expanding an existing license to increase capacity, such as moving from a small Family Childcare to a Large Family Childcare, moving from a Large Family Childcare to a Center, seeking a new 0-2 license at a center-based site.
- Sites increasing or sustaining enrollment under current license by returning to full capacity after limiting capacity due to COVID-19, for example.

Allowable uses include but are not limited to:

- Licensing fees
- Furnishings, supplies and/or equipment (tables, chairs, cots, toys, cleaning supplies, etc.)
- Outdoor space expansion and equipment (hand washing stations, sail shades, etc.)
- Fees for required trainings
- Modifications to home care settings to meet licensing requirements or best practice for COVID-19 safety (e.g., space conversion, air purification or ventilation, repairs, etc.)
- Increase or maintain enrollment through hiring additional staff to meet licensing requirements and or purchasing additional furniture for children enrolled
- Incentives to recruit and hire additional staff required for expansion/enrollment maintenance

- Childcare liability insurance
- Building permit fees, and/or other operating or set-up costs

Follow up Required: Grant recipients will be required to submit a brief/simple 3-month progress report and a 6-month follow up report.

Available Funding: Funding amounts are tiered based on proposed activities and range from \$4,500 to \$12,000.

- 2. Recovery Grants-** In recognition of the hazardous conditions in which childcare providers have operated, their front-line response to the pandemic, and their continuing need for support in a precarious time. These grants are intended to help stabilize providers who are small business owners operating on very thin margins meet their needs.

Eligibility: Licensed, private providers of all types who were open December 2020 to current and are currently active

Allowable uses include but are not limited to:

- Revenue replacement due to loss of enrollment
- PPE, cleaning supplies
- Other unforeseen costs incurred during the pandemic

Reporting: Grant recipients will be required to submit a simple 3-month follow up report.

Available Funding: Funding amounts are tiered based on license type and range from \$1,500 to \$2,500

Yolo Quality Count (Yolo QCC)/IMPACT: All grant recipients will be enrolled in QCC/IMPACT. QCC/IMPACT is a free service for childcare providers and the level of participation varies based on the desires of the individual site. QCC/IMPACT provides free coaching, free resources, free supplies, and professional development opportunities to childcare providers of all types.

Child Care Initiative Project: Providers seeking their first license will be offered participation and technical assistance provided through Children's Home Society's CCIP program. For more info on the CCIP program please visit: <https://www.chs-ca.org/for-providers/resources-and-referrals>. CCIP is a quality improvement project that supports prospective family childcare providers through training and curriculum.

Yolo County Resource and Referral Agency: All grantees will be registered with the Yolo County Resource and Referral agency; this is a free service that connects families seeking childcare to active providers in Yolo County.

Recognition:

First 5 Yolo welcomes and encourages recipients to share First 5 Yolo funded programs and services, as well as other resources available on the First 5 Yolo website (www.first5yolo.org) and/or the First 5 California website (www.first5california.com) to further support children and families.

Application:

To apply for an Infrastructure **OR** Recovery grant, please complete the corresponding application in its entirety. Applications are available at <https://www.first5yolo.org/partners/apply-for-funding> and will be reviewed on an ongoing basis through February 28, 2023 or until all funds have been awarded. Children’s Home Society and/or First 5 Yolo may contact you to discuss your application prior to acceptance or notification of award. Applications will take up to 45 calendar days to process. Only one application per site will be accepted.

First 5 Yolo County Mission

First 5 Yolo will assist our community to raise children who are healthy and ready to learn. We will assure that our resources are effectively used and all community voices heard.