



## **Yolo County Childcare Recovery Package FAQ's**

### **Q. What is the purpose of the Yolo County Childcare Infrastructure and Recovery Grants?**

**A.** Infrastructure Grants and Recovery Grants are intended to support and incentivize private childcare providers to increase capacity and to stabilize providers who have performed as essential workers during the pandemic and remain open currently.

### **Q. Can childcare providers apply for both Recovery and Infrastructure grants?**

**A.** No, Yolo County providers may apply for either an Infrastructure or Recovery Grant depending on their eligibility and proposed activities. Please refer to Childcare Recovery Overview for eligibility requirements.

### **Q. Can Infrastructure funds reimburse me for a project I've already started or recently completed?**

**A.** No, funds cannot be used for items/services, etc. that you have already purchased and paid for. These funds must be used for newly incurred costs associated with a project.

### **Q. Can childcare providers apply for both the State's Infrastructure grant as well as these grants?**

**A.** First 5 Yolo will not take into consideration whether a childcare provider receives funding from another source in determining eligibility for First 5 Yolo Recovery and Infrastructure grants. However, First 5 Yolo funds cannot supplant funding a provider has received from other sources.

### **Q. How will funds be administered?**

**A.** Recovery funds will be issued as one-time payments to the childcare license holder. Infrastructure funds will be issued as 2 separate 50% payments. Initial payments will be made upon execution of the Childcare Beneficiary Agreement. Awardees must show sufficient progress toward project completion at 3 months (90 days) to receive the second 50% progress payment. A final project summary will be submitted at 6 months.

### **Q. What is the time frame for the use of the funds?**

**A.** Projects are expected to be completed within 6 months of receiving funds. In order to receive the full amount of funding, the awardees must show sufficient progress toward completion within 3 months.

**Q. What if my project gets delayed and I cannot produce proof of project progress at the 3 month mark?**

**A.** Grant awardees experiencing delays must contact Children’s Home Society at (530) 645-6265 or email [F5Ychildcarerecovery@first5yolo.org](mailto:F5Ychildcarerecovery@first5yolo.org) and inform the agency of unforeseen issues or delays that will impact the progress of the project. Depending on the delay, unexpended funds may be required to be returned if the project cannot be completed.

**Q. What technical assistance will be available for Yolo County providers receiving Infrastructure funding?**

**A.** Children’s Home Society is available to assist providers in navigating the path to licensure, expanding a current license and or Family Child Care Homes expanding to Center-based care. Please contact Children’s Home Society at (530) 645-6265 or email [F5Ychildcarerecovery@first5yolo.org](mailto:F5Ychildcarerecovery@first5yolo.org). All awardees will be connected to the QCC/IMPACT program and assigned coaches will be available to provide support as needed.

**Q. Will there be an information session on how to complete the application as well as the process in receiving funding?**

**A.** Yes, there will be an information session offered via Zoom outlining the steps in completing and submitting the application as well as the process once grantees have been awarded funding.

**Q. How will I know if my application has been received?**

**A.** Applicants will receive an email confirmation at the email address provided in the application, applicants should check their Junk Mail or Spam Folder if the confirmation is not in their Inbox.

**Q. When will applications be reviewed?**

**A.** Applications will be accepted and reviewed on a semi-rolling basis until all funding has been expended.

**Q. When will an applicant be notified if they were awarded grant funds?**

**A.** First 5 Yolo and Children’s Home Society will endeavor to notify applicants within 45 calendar days after receiving a completed application.

**Q. Can a provider use funding for multiple projects?**

**A.** Yes, funding can be used for multiple projects if the applicant includes this detail in the narrative portion of the application and this has been an approved use of funds.

**Q. Are these grants available to providers who live outside of Yolo County but provide care in Yolo County?**

**A.** Yes, as long as the licensed childcare location is in Yolo County

**Q. How do I know if my project is subject to Prevailing Wage? (Infrastructure grant awardees only)**

**A.** All projects including alterations to an existing space (e.g., renovation, repairs, painting, carpet, etc.) or construction of any type (e.g., structures) **AND** labor costs associated with the completion of the project are considered public works projects and subject to Prevailing Wage regulations. For projects subject to Prevailing Wage, additional information will be provided to facilitate compliance with the regulations.

**Q. How will I receive the funding award?**

**A.** All applicants must submit a completed W-9 as an attachment to the application. Children's Home Society will issue payments for all funded applications. Infrastructure grants will be issued across two payments and Recovery grants will be issued as a single payment.

**Q. Are these grants taxable?**

**A.** Awards greater than \$600 are subject to income tax.

**Q. I would like to withdraw my application, what steps do I take?**

**A.** Contact Children's Home Society at (530) 645-6265 or email [F5Ychildcarerecovery@first5yolo.org](mailto:F5Ychildcarerecovery@first5yolo.org)