New Hampshire’s Use of CRRSA Child Care Funding
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New Hampshire received $20 million in supplemental CCDBG funding through the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act passed in December 2020. This is in addition to $7 million in supplemental CCDBG funding the state received in the CARES Act, passed in March 2020.

States were required to submit a plan for their use of CRRSA funds to the Department of Health and Human Services by February 26, 2021. On March 1, the state opened an application process for providers to access child care assistance.

Support for providers. New Hampshire will distribute its CRRSA funds to child care providers across the state, including centers, family child care homes, and licensed-exempt providers to help support their operations as they continue navigating the COVID-19 pandemic. The funding formula for centers will be based off the number of classrooms and staff and percentage of children receiving the NH Child Care Scholarship. The funding is intended to support families who may be vulnerable and those working in jobs critical to the state’s economy, such as health care, long-term care, hospitality, and retail. It is also meant to support providers that are facing decreased capacity and enrollment, and cover costs associated with the increased staffing needs to meet public health guidelines.

Funds are intended to provide flexibility to meet a variety of business needs, including wages and bonuses, income loss, increased operating costs, materials and supplies, tuition and fees, and staff development and/or training.

More information available here, including how the state spent its CARES Act funding in 2020.