New Jersey’s Use of CRRSA Child Care Funding
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New Jersey received $178 million in supplemental CCDBG funding through the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act, passed in December 2020. This is in addition to $63 million in supplemental CCDBG funds 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 February 25, the state submitted their tentative plans to invest the funds, though final decisions and exact amounts have yet to be approved.

Support for providers. Discussions are still underway in the state about how to best support providers with the CRRSA funds. All providers are still eligible for a stabilization grant that was funded with a portion of the state’s Coronavirus Relief Fund from the CARES Act. These grants can be worth up to $17,000 to help providers remain in business.

With CRRSA funds, the state will continue its practice of offering child care providers a supplemental payment of $300 per full-time subsidy-recipient child, per month, and $150 per month for part-time. Providers may receive this stipend for any age of child served. The state will also continue to pay providers based on enrollment of children who receives subsidies, rather than on attendance.

Support for parents. The state will extend state child care subsidies for school-age children, ages five to 13, to receive care throughout the school day at licensed child care centers or registered family child care providers. The state will waive co-payments for families under this initiative.

The state is currently discussing plans to develop a summer youth camp program for families who would like to participate.

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