



## Arkansas' Use of CRRSA Child Care Funding

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**Arkansas** received **\$119 million** in supplemental CCDBG funding from the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act, passed in December 2020. This is in addition to **\$41.5 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. Arkansas's Division of Child Care and Early Childhood Education plans to allocate all supplemental funding to offer ongoing support for providers and essential personnel.

**Support for providers.** Arkansas plans to use an estimated \$36 million for quarterly provider maintenance payments which the state began offering in February and will continue to offer until relief funding is exhausted. Providers are eligible for a quarterly payment of between \$500 to \$10,000 depending on the number of children served and their quality rating level.

Additionally, the state plans to use \$40 million to offer supplemental child care vouchers: providers are eligible to receive an additional \$10 per infant/toddler, \$7 per preschool aged child, and \$5 per school aged child or for out of school time care for children receiving federal child care assistance. This supplemental assistance will be processed through 2021 or when funding is exhausted.

Arkansas will also dedicate \$3 million to reimbursing providers for deep cleaning and sanitization costs. Providers must submit invoices to be reimbursed for such costs within one month of a deep cleaning or sanitization due to a program intermittently closing. This opportunity will continue as long as relief funding is available.

**Support for parents.** The state is allocating an estimated \$40 million to continue providing child care assistance to essential workers, regardless of income, on a case by case basis. Essential workers identified by the state include, but are not limited to, emergency responders, health care providers, public health personnel, sanitation workers, child care and early childhood staff, K-12 educators, and individuals involved in the food supply chain during the pandemic. Those who may be eligible and are interested in assistance must fill out an application available on the state's website.

More information available [here](#), including how the [state spent its CARES Act funding](#) in 2020.