



District of Columbia's Use of CRRSA Child Care Funding

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The District of Columbia received **\$17 million** in supplemental CCDBG funds through the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act, passed in December 2020. This is in addition to the **\$6 million** in supplemental funds D.C. 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 9, the District announced new supports for child care providers. In addition to the supplemental CCDBG funds, the District is dedicating all \$2.5 million in Governor's Emergency Education Relief Funds it received through the CRRSA to provide additional financial assistance to child care providers.

Support for providers. The District is allocating \$10.7 million for a new grant program to deliver financial relief to licensed child care facilities. The Office of the State Superintendent of Education will administer these grant programs through partnerships with the Washington Area Community Investment Fund, or Wacif, and the Low-Income Investment Fund (LIIF), which have partnered with the District to provide grants and technical assistance to child care providers throughout the pandemic. Additional details and grant applications will be available from Wacif and LIIF later in the spring.

In addition, the [previously announced](#) DC Road to Recovery Fund (2021) has been expanded by \$3 million, to a total of \$5.8 million, enabling that program to fund grants to all eligible applicants. The 2021 grants built off an original investment in the program of \$5 million, which provided funding to 90% of child care providers in the fall of 2020. Distribution of the 2021 emergency grant funds will prioritize child care providers serving children and families with low incomes, as well as underserved neighborhoods, and will be offered in coordination with LIIF.

Beyond this direct assistance, the District will use a portion of their CRRSA funding to provide technical assistance and other supports to help child care providers meet new and enhanced health and safety requirements and help families return to work. Some examples of these supports include:

- Expanding the District's Shared Services Business Alliance, which provides back office support to small child care centers and home-based providers to help strengthen their business practices and benefit from economies of scale;
- Providing business technical assistance for all providers through Wacif, and LIIF;
- Supporting children's social-emotional learning and mental health for children, families, and child care staff; and
- Enhancing the District's Child Care Resource and Referral services to help families find child care as they return to in-person work.

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