



Illinois' Use of CRRSA Child Care Funding

Fact Sheet | March 2021

Illinois received **\$332 million** in supplemental CCDBG funding through the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act passed in December 2020. This is in addition to **\$118 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. In early March, Illinois announced CRRSA funding would be dedicated to continue the Child Care Restoration Grants program, which were first established in 2020.

Support for providers. Illinois will use its supplemental CCDBG funding to continue offering Care Restoration Grants, or CCRG. Unlike CCRG in 2020, the funds will flow directly through the Illinois Department of Human Services. The Illinois Network of Child Care Resource and Referral Agencies will continue to administer the CCRGs as they did in 2020. Providers who received a CCRG in 2020 must opt-in to receive a grant in 2021. Eligible providers are licensed child care centers, licensed family child care home and group homes, and license-exempt child care centers and out of school time providers. One exception is that licensed providers (both centers and homes) must receive at least 25% of their revenue from private pay tuition or the state's child care assistance program. All providers must be open by March 15, 2021 to care for children and submit an application (or opt-in) by March 31, 2021. The payments will be retroactive to cover costs for the months of January, February, and March.

Payments will vary based on the type of provider. Licensed child care centers will be paid on a quarterly basis as long as funding is available. The grant funding formula for licensed child care centers will start at \$1,000 and be based on several factors including licensed capacity, what area of the state the providers operate in, if they have achieved the ExceleRate Circle of Quality, and if providers are in a disproportionately impacted area, or DIA.

Licensed family child care providers will receive a one-time stipend to cover the months of January, February, and March 2021. The stipend will range from \$700-\$900 per month. The formula will be based on type of license, if the provider has achieved an ExceleRate Circle of Quality, and if the provider is in a DIA.

License-exempt centers will also receive a one-time stipend for the months of January, February, and March. The stipend will range from \$3,000-\$20,000 per month. The formula will be based on several factors including capacity and if the provider is in a DIA. All providers receiving CCRG will be required to submit monthly reporting.

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