



Maryland's Use of CRRSA Child Care Funding

Fact Sheet | March 2021

Maryland received **\$129 million** in supplemental CCDBG funding through the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act passed in December 2020. This is in addition to **\$46 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 February 12, the state announced \$60 million of the funds would be used to establish a grant program to support child care providers in meeting operating costs despite lost revenue due to COVID-19.

Support for providers. The state anticipates awarding all operating child care providers grants between \$2,400 to \$60,000, based on the licensed capacity of the facility. Each open and operating child care program is eligible, and must complete an application for funding before March 3, 2021. Before and after-school providers who were helping serve students when schools were not in session as of March 3, 2021, were also eligible for grant funding. Providers must describe in the application how they plan to use the funds and submit required data including enrollment information, financial losses incurred, and how such funds will be used. The state clarifies that all recipients must keep financial documents for five years in case of a randomly selected audit of the grant, and that all funds must be spent by December 31, 2021.

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