



Oregon's Use of CRRSA Child Care Funding

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Oregon received **\$104 million** in supplemental CCDBG funding from the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act, passed in December 2020. This is in addition to **\$39 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 25, Oregon's Early Learning Division announced plans to use their supplemental CCDBG funds to support the state's child care needs. Proposed allocations are subject to approval by the state's legislature in the coming months.

Support for providers. Oregon plans to use approximately \$37 million to provide direct grants to child care providers and support community-based efforts to rebuild the supply of child care. Specifically, Oregon will continue offering non-competitive grants to all licensed and regulated child care providers as it did with CARES Act funds during 2020. Additionally, the state plans to launch new start-up grants for providers that have not yet re-opened since closing during the pandemic to maintain the supply of child care across the state. Another new opportunity will offer funds to community-based organizations to develop and implement strategies for building supply of child care.

Oregon will use \$3 million to offer technical assistance to providers, including partnering with community-based non-profits, labor partners, and Child Care Resource and Referral agencies to provide business coaching services to child care providers. The Early Learning Division will also promote greater direct communication with providers to streamline information.

Support for the child care workforce. The state will invest \$3 million to increase professional learning opportunities for the early childhood workforce. Opportunities will be centered around expanding online learning opportunities and digital literacy.

Support for families. The Early Learning Division plans to dedicate \$60 million to expand child care assistance to families through the state's subsidy program. At the start of the pandemic, the state covered the cost of copays for families and increased the income eligibility threshold for participants from 185% of the federal poverty level to 250%. Funds from the \$60 million allocation will be used to extend these policies through June 30, 2021 (the end of the state's fiscal biennium). Oregon is also planning to use CRRSA funds to support a post-pandemic transition and a more family-friendly copay structure starting next fiscal biennium (July 1, 2021). It will also set-aside some funds in the event of a caseload increase.

Support for administration. Oregon intends to allocate \$700,000 for administering the new funds and responding to the additional workload demands of the various funding opportunities.

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