



Vermont's Use of CRRSA Child Care Funding

Fact Sheet | March 2021

Vermont received **\$12 million** in supplemental CCDBG funding through the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act, passed in December 2020. This is in addition to the **\$4 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, the state sent a letter to HHS describing their plans to use all funds to offer grants to all regulated child care programs, based on a framework developed by states in Region 1 (Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, and Vermont) to improve the child care system across New England.

Support for providers. With funds from the CRRSA, the Vermont Department for Children and Families will administer a grant program to assist with the additional costs associated with providing child care during COVID-19. The total grant awarded to each program will be dependent on the number of applications and program parameters, but it is intended to be a formula-grant based on a per-classroom or per-group amount. Initial grant payments will be made in April 2021.

To be eligible for funds, providers must be regulated and currently open or plan to be open by June 30, 2021 for summer care. Recipients may use funds for mitigation strategies, capital improvement projects, rent or mortgage, utilities, materials and supplies, replenishing lost revenue, wages or bonuses, and professional development or technical assistance.

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