



Washington's Use of CRRSA Child Care Funding

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Washington received **\$162 million** in supplemental CCDBG funding through the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act, passed in December 2020. This is in addition to **\$59 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 24, the state sent a letter to HHS describing plans for \$50 million. The letter states that Washington's regulatory environment includes significant oversight and direction from the Legislature and Governor, and therefore, the use of the remaining funds are yet to be determined. However, the state notes that subsidy copayment relief, reimbursement increases, and alternative payment systems are topics of frequent discussion.

Support for providers. The state plans to use \$28.8 million in CRRSA funds to establish grants for licensed providers who serve children ages birth to 13 years and who accept child care subsidies. The base grant amount for providers will be \$6,500, with an additional \$100 offered for each licensed slot above 65.

Washington will use \$10.6 million in CRRSA funds to pay child care providers at an increased rate equal to the regional preschool rate for school-age children receiving child care subsidies. Additionally, \$4 million will be used to incentivize providers to open slots for subsidy-recipient children, and \$600,000 will be offered as incentives for in-home or relative providers serving subsidy children. Further details about these incentive programs were not provided.

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