

West Virginia's Use of CRRSA Child Care Funding

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West Virginia received **\$67 million** in supplemental CCDBG funding through the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act, passed in December 2020. This is on top of the **\$23 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 how the state anticipates using most of its funds.

Support for providers. West Virginia plans to use \$232,500 in funding for capacity grants for new providers to assist in startup costs, and another \$12.3 million to help existing child care providers expand their capacity. Additionally, \$8.8 million is anticipated to support quality bonuses for providers to support the increased costs of providing child care during the pandemic. Each of these opportunities will be available to all providers, regardless of participation in the state's subsidy system.

The state plans to use approximately \$10 million to temporarily increase provider reimbursement rates, and another \$600,000 to increase tiered reimbursement rates. The state will also allow enrollment-based payment rather than attendance-based payments.

Support for parents. West Virginia plans to use approximately \$20 million of its allocation to support child care assistance for essential workers without regard to income.

Other. West Virginia will allocate \$120,000 to the state's Child Care Resource and Referral Agencies to support the increased cost of operations during the pandemic.

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