



Florida's Use of CRRSA Child Care Funding

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Florida received **\$635 million** in supplemental CCDBG funding from the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act, passed in December 2020. This is in addition to **\$224 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 announced basic plans to use their funds, though specific amounts and details were not available.

Support for providers. Florida will provide grants to all of the state's 11,600 child care providers, including 4,700 providers that are not participating in the subsidy system, though providers must be open and serving children to be eligible. These grants may broadly cover costs associated with staying in business, though a portion will to be used for staff salaries and benefits. The state also plans to reimburse state funded pre-K providers for closures due to the pandemic.

Support for families. The state will waive required parent co-pays by reimbursing CCDF providers directly for the amounts parents would normally pay.

Support for children. To address the concerns with the readiness of incoming public school kindergarten students, the state will allocate funds to mitigate learning losses and remediate gaps in early literacy. These supports would be offered in the state's public school kindergarten classrooms. The state also plans to offer specific support for part-time pre-kindergarten students who need additional services.

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