



Louisiana's Use of CRRSA Child Care Funding

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Louisiana received **\$198 million** in supplemental CCDBG funding from the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act, passed in December 2020. This is in addition to **\$68 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 plans to provide direct child care services to families, grants to providers, and stipend pay to teachers.

Support for providers. Louisiana plans to provide \$78.5 million in stabilization grants through the remainder of 2021 that can be used for rent, staffing, and tuition relief for families, as well as to cover the gap between what the state subsidy rate and private pay rate is. The state will also provide \$23.8 million in stabilization grants to non-subsidy licensed centers and certified family homes.

The state plans to offer Community Recovery Grants (approximately \$6.4 million) that will assist assessing needs and provide targeted supports to providers and Supply Building Grants for Communities (approximately \$5.3 million) to develop and implement a plan to address access gaps through innovative solutions. In addition, the state plans on providing a package of business supports (approximately \$2.7 million) for child care, including a microloan pilot program.

The state will allocate \$46 million to continue to pay subsidies based on enrollment, rather than attendance, through the end of the year.

Support for the workforce. Louisiana plans to use \$27 million to cover stipend pay for early childhood teachers in licensed or subsidy-eligible programs. It will also cover fees associated with obtaining a background check required for employment.

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