



New Mexico's Use of CRRSA Child Care Funding

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New Mexico received **\$82 million** in supplemental CCDBG funding through the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act, passed in December 2020. This is in addition to the **\$29 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 submitted their tentative funding plans, though exact amounts were not specified.

Support for providers. The state plans to use a portion of its CRRSA funds to offer grants to providers for COVID-specific repair and renovation or reopening needs. This support will include technical assistance, workshops on facilities, and financial planning, budgeting, and coaching.

Separately, a portion of these funds will support child care stabilization and recovery grants for the increased operational costs for licensed child care facilities related to sanitation, cleaning, staffing costs, lower enrollment, and other pandemic related costs.

The state also plans to create and support family child care networks and shared services across the state.

Support for parents. The state will use a portion of funds to provide direct support to parents, including waiving parent copayments, providing child care assistance for essential and frontline workers, and contracting with high-quality facilities to provide infant and toddler care.

New Mexico will also work to address the social and emotional impacts of COVID on early childhood development amongst children, families, and child care workers, including by using funds to enhance existing social-emotional frameworks to support young children and educators.

Support for child care workers. The CRRSA funds will support a one-time wage incentive for all staff working in licensed and license-exempt facilities and to help early childhood educators achieve their credentials and degrees.

Evaluation. New Mexico will use a portion of its supplemental funds to evaluate the implementation and outcomes of all the aforementioned initiatives.

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