



## **All In Washington COVID Relief Fund Child Care Initiative Grant Guidelines**

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### **Funding Overview**

All In Washington was established to mobilize community, business, and philanthropic leaders across the state to address the profound effects of the COVID-19 pandemic on vulnerable people, workers, and families. The All In WA COVID Relief Fund, one of several funds under All In WA, is launching a new funding opportunity focused on child care. The Child Care Initiative will provide vital resources to expand access to affordable child care for working parents with the greatest need while also sustaining the industry of child care providers across Washington. The Initiative expects to award grants totaling at least \$3,000,000.

Families across Washington rely on child care to support the learning and developmental needs of their children while they work. The pandemic has significantly impacted the child care industry and made it even harder for families to find the care they need. This is particularly true for essential workers, the majority of whom are women and people of color, who are faced with choosing between maintaining employment or caring for their children.

As families grapple with the challenge of access and affordability, the child care industry is under unprecedented strain. Many child care providers were already operating month-to-month before COVID. Now, social distancing guidelines have reduced the capacity of child care programs. This is resulting in significant reductions in available slots. With fewer children under their care, revenue for child care providers has decreased. At the same time, costs have increased as business owners must take on new expenses to comply with new health and safety standards due to COVID. Since the pandemic started, 16% of providers have closed their operations and 48% report that they are at risk of closure.

Washington's economic recovery and the ability of families to return fully to the workforce, or for essential workers to stay in the workforce, hinges on access to affordable, quality care for their children. Never before has our awareness of the vital role of child care to the economy or family livelihoods been more clear.

## **Grants**

The Child Care Initiative will fund trusted statewide intermediaries, community-based organizations and tribes with strong relationships with networks of child care providers and the capacity to administer flexible grants to licensed family child care businesses in Washington. This Initiative will prioritize child care business owners who are Black, Indigenous, and People of Color (BIPOC) given the disproportionate impacts of COVID-19 on these populations. While reaching all parts of the Washington state, the Initiative will also prioritize family child care businesses in more rural and remote areas that serve a high percentage of essential workers or BIPOC children. These flexible grants will allow these licensed family child care businesses to:

- Close the revenue gap due to lost capacity and/or enrollment so that they can remain open during a period of under-enrollment.
- Provide scholarships to financially vulnerable families, especially essential workers, who are not eligible for public subsidy or offset the cost of out-of-pocket co-pays for families who do receive public subsidies.
- Purchase supplies and equipment to meet new COVID-related safety and hygiene guidelines.

Up to 10% of the grant amount may be used to cover the costs of managing the administration of these flexible funds to child care businesses. Grant recipients will need to be able to commit to the following terms:

- Ensure culturally appropriate outreach activities to alert licensed family child care businesses of the opportunity.
- Prioritize licensed BIPOC-owned family child care businesses and/or family child care businesses in rural and remote communities serving essential workers or a high percentage of BIPOC children.
- Given the urgency of the needs communities are facing, grant recipients are encouraged, though not required, to expend grant funds within six months.

### **Opportunity Details:**

- Grant Amounts: \$50,000 to \$250,000. The number of family child care businesses you expect to reach will be taken into consideration when determining grant amounts.
- Launch: October 7, 2020.
- Deadline: Friday, November 13, 2020 by 5pm. We expect to announce awards in early December.

**Eligibility Requirements:**

- All recipients must be a community-based organization or intermediary with 501(c)3 nonprofit status, have a fiscal sponsor that qualifies as a nonprofit 501(c)3 organization, are a state-recognized tribe or federally recognized sovereign tribal nation.
- All recipients must be based within the state of Washington and currently serving communities in Washington.
- All recipients must have a demonstrated track record of serving networks of licensed BIPOC-owned family child care businesses and/or networks of family child care businesses in rural and remote communities.

Strong preference will be given to:

- Organizations whose governance and leadership reflects the communities they are intended to serve and represent the communities in which the work takes place.
- Organizations that center racial and economic equity in their work and approach.
- Organizations with strong relationships and trust in the communities they serve.

**Reporting Requirements:**

Grant recipients will be expected to submit a brief report about the use of grant funds which will include:

- Description of number of family child care businesses served, amount of funding that each received and how the funds were used.
- Demographic profile of family child care business owners served and the profile of children in their care.
- Geographic distribution of child care businesses served (by county).
- 1 or 2 short stories to illustrate the impacts of the Child Care grants on family child care businesses and the children and families they serve.
- A short summary of other needs the organization is facing (so this could inform future funding opportunities)
- Any feedback regarding the application or process

For questions, please contact [grants@allinwa.org](mailto:grants@allinwa.org).

Please visit <https://www.grantinterface.com/sl/xV8EB4> to access the online application portal (hosted by Seattle Foundation) and access a copy of the application questions.