



**All In Washington COVID Relief Fund  
Child Care Initiative Round 2: Grants for Child Care Centers**

Grant Guidelines

Online Application: <https://www.grantinterface.com/sl/mdloAr>

Deadline: Friday, January 15, 2021 at 5pm

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**Child Care Initiative 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, has launched a new funding initiative on child care. The Child Care Initiative provides vital resources to expand access to affordable child care while also sustaining the industry of child care providers across Washington.

The Initiative expects to award grants in two grant cycles. The first grant cycle was focused on licensed family child care providers. Grants were awarded in mid-December. Applications are now open for the second grant cycle focused on licensed non-profit child care centers. At least \$2.5m will be awarded for child care centers.

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. With most schools closed, families are also struggling to find care for their school-age children.

As families struggle with access to care, the child care industry is under unprecedented strain. Social distancing requirements have increased costs while reducing the capacity of child care programs. With fewer children under their care, revenue for child care providers has decreased, pushing many out of business or to the brink of closure.

The Child Care Initiative is focused on addressing the accessibility and affordability of child care, essential ingredients of a thriving economy and the ability of families to return to work.

**Grants for Licensed Child Care Centers**

Licensed child care centers represent 32% of all child care facilities in Washington but 66% of the capacity. Given the volume of children served by child care centers, this grant cycle will focus on flexible grants to licensed, non-profit child care centers. Child care centers that serve a high percentage of children of color will be prioritized for grant awards. Child care centers serving more rural and remote communities, including migrant farming communities, in Washington will also be prioritized.

These flexible grants will allow licensed child care centers 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 to offset the cost of out-of-pocket co-pays for families who do receive public subsidies.
- Purchase supplies and equipment to meet COVID-related safety requirements.
- Cover staffing, pay a living wage, hazard pay, and/or benefits, or other routine operational costs to keep the child care center open and support basic economic health for staff during the pandemic.

### **Opportunity Details**

- **Grant Amounts:** The grant amount will be based on the number of children a site can serve based on licensed capacity.
  - \$7,000 for child care centers serving 32 or less
  - \$200 per licensed slot for centers with licensed capacity of 33-199
  - \$40,000 for child care centers serving 200 or more.
- **Deadline: Friday, January 15, 2021 by 5pm.** Awards will be announced in mid-February and paid in full about two weeks after award notification.
- Applicants can apply for a single child care center, not multiple centers using the same application.
- Due to funding constraints, not all eligible applicants will be awarded.

### **Eligibility Requirements**

Applicants must meet the following requirements:

- Are a 501(c)3 non-profit organization or have a fiscal sponsor that qualifies as a nonprofit 501(c)3 organization. State or Federally recognized Tribes are also eligible.
- Based within the state of Washington and currently providing care in Washington.
- Are licensed to serve birth to five, school-age children or both.
- Are currently open and providing child care at the time of application.
- Accept children on child care subsidy.

Preference will be given to child care centers:

- Serving a high proportion of children of color.
- Reflecting a racially diverse board and staff.
- Serving more rural and remote communities in Washington.

### **Restrictions**

The following are not eligible for funding:

- For-profit companies that operate child care centers.
- Unlicensed care or family child care provided in homes.
- Child care centers that do not accept children on public subsidy.

### **Reporting Requirements:**

Grantee will be expected to submit a brief report about the use of grant funds, including:

- Description of how funds were used.
- Demographic profile of children served and geographic location served.
- 1 or 2 short stories to illustrate the impacts of the grant.

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