

**Infrastructure Grant Program (IGP)
Minor Renovations and Repairs
FAQs**

WHO/WHAT/WHY

Who Can Apply	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Licensed Family Child Care serving children 0-5 years • Licensed Child Care Centers serving children 0-5 years • Must have been in operation prior to August 1, 2021 • Must serve or plan to serve children from low-income families <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ funded through one or more of the following: CSPP; CalWORKs Stage 1, 2, and/or 3; CAPP; Foster Bridge; Federal Head Start/Early Head Start; CCTR; CMIG; CHAN; CMAP
Who Cannot Apply	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Family, Friend, and Neighbor (FFN) programs or unlicensed programs • Applicants who do not serve children from low-income families • LEAs (Local Educational Agencies) • Public or government entities • Suspended, debarred, or federal excluded parties. Fiscal or programmatic noncompliance. Not in good standing with CDE or the CDSS.
Where can I find the application?	Child Care Center Providers (English) Family Child Care Homes (English) Family Child Care Homes (Spanish)
Where can I find the grant?	English Spanish
What can the funds be used for?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minor renovations repairs • Modernization or retrofitting of existing child care facilities to increase or recover capacity due to a declared disaster, mitigate future disasters • Address needs related to health and safety, licensing, or the COVID-19 pandemic • Preserve, enhance, or expand existing child care spaces for children 0-5 years
Commitment	<p>Awardees must continue providing child care at the same location site where funds are being used for a period after funds are awarded:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • FCC 2 Years • CCC 4 Years

APPLICATION PROCESS/BASICS

How much can I apply for?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • FCC up to \$75,000 • Centers up to \$249,999 per site (1 application per site)
When is the application due?	Friday, March 25, 2022 at 11:59PM PST
When do I have to spend the funds?	Must spend the funds within 120 days of receiving grant funds or 6/30/23, whichever is earlier
Checklist of Documents Needed to Apply	Child Care Center Providers (English) Family Child Care Homes (English)

	Family Child Care Homes (Spanish)
SAM Number	www.sam.gov 1-866-705-5711 https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/applicants/organization-registration/step-2-register-with-sam.html <i>Search YouTube How to Apply for a SAM Number</i>
DUNS Number	www.dnb.com 1-866-705-5711 https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/applicants/organization-registration/step-1-obtain-duns-number.html <i>Search YouTube How to Apply for a DUNS Number</i>
Login.gov Account	https://login.gov/help/get-started/overview/

QUESTIONS ON THE APPLICATION

Examples of what will be allowed to be funded	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minor Renovation and Repair: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Classroom upgrades/refresh such as new paint and floors ○ Fixed equipment (i.e. washers, dryers, refrigerators) ○ Architectural plans/drawings/design costs ○ Retrofitting to meet licensing requirements ○ Security systems ○ Green building standard upgrades ○ Landscaping ○ Plumbing/HVAC ○ Electrical ○ Ventilation systems and window replacement ○ ADA for indoor and outdoor spaces ○ Playground/outdoor upgrades • Examples of Emergency Mitigation: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Fire safety, prevention, and property clearance ○ Earthquake retrofits for furnishings/cabinets ○ Generators • Examples of COVID-19 Related Modifications: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Room dividers for classrooms ○ Fixed equipment for sanitation (dishwashers/washers/dryers) ○ Security systems to monitor pick-up and drop-off ○ Upgrades to outdoor space to encourage outdoor learning <p><i>This is not an exhaustive list. Other ideas may be allowed.</i></p>
What will not be allowed to be funded?	Major renovation structural changes to the foundation, roof, floor, exterior, or load-bearing walls of a facility; extensive alteration of a facility such as to significantly change its function and purpose; insurance; administrative/indirect/overhead; areas of renovation that do not directly serve children.
Can I make changes to my application?	Once submitted your application is locked and changes cannot be made. You can request for CDSS to reopen your application by emailing CCDDFacilities@dss.ca.gov and indicating the reason for the reopening of the application
I have questions about my application	Contact CDSS at CCDDFacilities@dss.ca.gov

Can my application be reviewed before I submit?	Public Counsel is offering a service to review applications and provide feedback. Support will be offered on a limited basis. https://form.jotform.com/220458262805051
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CONSIDERATIONS FOR FUNDING

Award Amounts will be Based on: <i>But not limited to</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Scope of each project • Regional costs • The use of universal design to provide inclusive environments • The need to meet licensing requirements or health and safety standards • The proportion of children receiving subsidies to be served • The total number of children served or to be served
What are the funding priorities?	<p>Priority #1</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Projects with urgent timing issues or can be completed within 120 days of the signed grant agreement • Projects in advanced stages with permits • Projects ready to start minor renovations or have begun work but having funding gaps • Projects that do not have any permitting requirements • Projects with quick timelines/can begin immediately • Projects that are only requesting the purchase of equipment <p>Priority #2</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Programs where minor renovations would prevent the revocation of a child care facility license • Programs where minor renovations would mitigate health and safety issues or decrease the risk of licensing violations • Programs that serve children with state subsidies • Programs that serve higher numbers of low-income families • Programs located in areas with a demonstrated shortage of licensed care (child care deserts, priority zip codes) • Programs serving infants and toddlers <p>Priority #3</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Programs that focus on serving children with exceptional needs, migrant or children who are unhoused or in Child Protective Services or foster care • Programs that have been affected by declared disasters • Programs operating as non-profits • Projects co-located within affordable housing • Project where building is owned by the operator/entity providing care • Projects that can demonstrate long term financial sustainability <p>Priority #4</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Programs with match funding <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Acceptable matches include operator reserves/cash on hand • Loans from a lending organization lending organization such as Community Development Financial Institution (CDFI) • Small Business Administration (SBA) • Bank loans • Foundation/Pledge commitments/other grants (non-federal or state) • Tax Credits • Equity on land and/or buildings purchased outside of grant <p>Real property valuation/cash out refinance documented by appraisal</p>

GRANT AWARD NOTIFICATION AND APPEAL PROCESS

How will I get notified if I am awarded the grant?	CDSS will notify you by email whether you did or did not receive the grant
When will I get notified if I am awarded the grant?	Grant Award letters will be sent between March 2022 and September 2022
Can I appeal?	Yes. You must submit notice of appeal to CDSS within 10 business days of receiving your score notification. Any questions can be submitted to CCDDAppeals@dss.ca.gov
What happens after I am awarded the grant?	No grant is final until CDSS receives a completed and signed grant award notification and all other required documents from the grantee. Grantees will be required sign additional compliance certifications or agreements.