



Provider Eligibility for American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 Child Care Stabilization Subgrants

The table below provides an overview of the federal eligibility criteria that providers must meet to apply for an American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARP Act) Child Care Stabilization Subgrant. Please note that these are federal eligibility parameters, but Lead Agencies may include additional subgrant criteria as part of their application process. Lead Agencies should refer to Office of Child Care (OCC) guidance for full requirements and details.

	Center-based and Family Child Care Providers	In-home Providers	Relative Providers
Opening Status	The provider must be (1) open and available to provide child care services on the date of application, OR (2) temporarily closed due to a public health emergency, financial hardship, or other reasons related to the COVID-19 pandemic.		
Past Child Care and Development Fund (CCDF) Participation and Other Federal Funding	Stabilization funds are available to qualified child care providers regardless of a provider's previous receipt of federal assistance, including CCDF and other COVID-19 funding. (Note: In-home and relative providers who did not participate in CCDF before March 11, 2021, may be eligible, but Lead Agencies are discouraged from awarding grants to them.)		
CCDF Participation	The provider does not have to participate in CCDF to be eligible.		The provider must be serving a CCDF child to be eligible.
Licensing and Health and Safety (H&S) Requirements	<p>If the provider meets CCDF requirements, they must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Be licensed, regulated, or registered under applicable state and local law <i>on the date of application</i>; and • Satisfy the state, local, and Child Care and Development Block Grant (CCDBG) H&S requirements <i>on the date of application</i>. <p>If the provider does not meet CCDF requirements, they must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Have been licensed, regulated, or registered in the state, territory, or Tribe on March 11, 2021; and • Satisfy state and local H&S requirements <i>on the date of application</i>. 		Depending on Lead Agency policies, relative providers may be exempt from licensing and CCDBG health and safety requirements.
Other Eligibility Considerations			
Temporary Waivers	Child care providers are not required to meet requirements temporarily waived due to the pandemic to qualify for a subgrant. Temporary waivers expire on September 30, 2021.		
Tribally Operated Centers	Tribally operated child care centers are eligible and can receive stabilization funds from their Tribal Lead Agency, as long as they are used to supplement and not supplant Tribal funds used for Tribally operated centers. In addition, some state-licensed, Tribally operated centers may be eligible to receive stabilization funds from the state Lead Agency, at the discretion of the state, plus stabilization funds from their Tribal Lead Agency.		
Head Start and Pre-K Programs	Stabilization subgrant funding is intended to help the child care sector, not public prekindergarten Head Start or Early Head Start. However, depending on a Lead Agency's licensing and H&S rules, some of these programs may meet the criteria to be considered eligible for stabilization subgrants.		
School-Age Care	School-age providers meeting eligible child care provider requirements, including those that are license-exempt but meet CCDF H&S requirements, should be included in the pool of subgrants.		