



CARES Act: Greenville County Childcare providers
Summary of eligible expenses
Effective Date: July 6, 2020

To assist Childcare providers during the COVID-19 pandemic, Greenville First Steps (on behalf of Greenville County Council) has awarded \$1.71 million in funds as reimbursable grants to Greenville County childcare providers.

As a reimbursable grant, provider will receive 50% of total approved funds as an advance, to be received within 2 weeks of approved application. Upon approval of receipts of total expenses, the remaining balance (up to approved amount) will be provided to provider. Please note, expenses found to be ineligible cannot be covered by this grant and will not be paid.

To assist childcare providers with understanding eligible and ineligible expenses, we have provided this document, which will be updated as additional questions arise. This document is not intended to be legally binding, but represents our best understanding of eligible and ineligible expenses. This document will be revised with addendums as additional information is provided by federal, state, and county government entities responsible for these funds.

For more information: It is essential that providers not assume an expense is covered-if any questions arise, please contact Anne Lee Buck annelee@greenvillefirststeps.org PRIOR to purchase so accurate and timely information can be provided. A detailed list of eligible and ineligible expenses is available online at www.greenvillefirststeps.org/CARESAct

Primary purpose: The primary purpose of these funds is for DIRECT EXPENSES incurred by childcare providers to respond to COVID-19 pandemic, including personal protective equipment, cleaning and disinfecting costs, classroom materials and supplies to ensure appropriate social distancing requirements.

Eligible timeframe: This grant can be used for any eligible expenses incurred between March 27, 2020 and October 15, 2020.

Use of other funds: This grant program is open to providers who have received other federal funds including EIDL, PPP, funds from DSS, funds from First Steps, other CARES Act funding sources, and other COVID-19 related funding. Please know that each funding stream carries with it different eligible and ineligible expenses. This document strictly applies to CARES Act funding approved through Greenville First Steps and Greenville County Council.

Frequently Asked Questions:

Our center has already received Covid-19 related funds from other sources, can we still apply? Yes.

Whether you received EIDL, PPP, DSS funds, Home Grown funds, or funds from any other entity related to COVID-19, you can still apply. These funds were set aside by Greenville County Council as a way to support the childcare network of Greenville County.

We have multiple (camps, programs) at a single location. Can each apply? The funds in this program are available to a single DSS license number- so if you offer multiple programs (e.g., afterschool, summer camp, half-day and full-day) at the same site- you are only eligible for one grant. However, if you have multiple DSS licenses (e.g., you own a business that has licensed childcare at multiple locations and each one has a separate licenses) then each location may apply for a grant.

Can we use receipts from spring? Yes, receipts dating back to as early as March 27th may be used. So you could collect all your receipts for gloves, masks, face shields, etc. from the spring and submit them to count towards this project.

We just want the gloves/PPE, can you help us out? Any eligible entity that applies (whether they are licensed or registered) is going to receive an allocation of gloves/PPE/books in August (and likely another in September if funds are available). But, if you don't apply you won't be contacted to pick up PPE. Currently we expect each provider to receive items they request on their application including: Gloves, Disposable face masks, Cloth face masks, classroom sets of books to send home with children, contactless thermometers and other resources.

Are you sure you will have PPE for us? Yes. Through Shared Services and other entities, we have developed a deep network of PPE providers- and items are purchased and being shipped for August distribution. We also anticipate having more PPE in September if funds and resources are available.

Whether we open or not is out of my control. Should I still apply? Yes. We know that many childcare providers are housed inside larger organizations that may make the decision as to when you will open or close. If these funds will allow you to prepare for re-opening, and you "intend" to re-open in the Fall, then go ahead and apply. If your decision to re-open changes, you will not have to pay the money back.

We are exempt from licensing, why were we excluded? First, you were not left off, we had to prioritize a specific pot of money and we prioritized those licensed providers. If you are exempt, and offer a full-day program, you should apply, as it is possible you could be put on the waiting list. If you are exempt, and it is because you operate fewer than 4 hours/day, then you won't be eligible for these funds because of the parameters defined in the CARES Act.

Do we have to accept the entire amount of funding? The amount of CARES Act fund you are eligible to receive (\$1,000, \$5,000 or \$10,000) is based on your center capacity. If you feel you don't need to accept the entire amount, just email Anne Lee and we will return the unused portion to the pot to be allocated to centers on the waiting list.

Are churches eligible? Yes, while Churches may not be available for other CARES Act funds, if your church is a licensed (or registered) childcare center, then the center is eligible for CARES Act funds.

Do we have to repay the funds we don't use? If you receive your first half of CARES Act funds, and you do not need the second half, it will be awarded to other providers who are on the waiting list. If you receive the first half as an advance and don't use all of it, then you may be asked to repay the unused portion of funds you received.