

Overview of Greenville County CARES ACT funding for short-term School Age care



GREENVILLE COUNTY
CARES





What is the CARES Act?

- Federal emergency funding to assist businesses recover from fiscal impact of Covid-19
- Narrowly defined categories of approved expenses- all Covid-19 related
- NOT a means to offset loss revenues
- Various local fund managers approved to distribute large buckets of funds, monitor and report to County Council
- All funds must be spent and reported on by end of Dec 2020 (eligible expenses from March to Dec 2020)

- Greenville County Council received \$91 million, allocation includes:
 - \$70m Small Business relaunch
 - \$5m Minority Small Business relaunch
 - \$5m Health and Human Services (**\$2m for School Age short-term, full-day care**)
 - \$1.5m County Government fund
 - \$1m Municipal Government fund
 - \$3.5m Housing and Childcare fund (\$1.71m for childcare)

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\$2 Million

To help ensure access to full day, school age care for 9,000 children in Greenville County

\$ 1.3m Provider supports

\$ 140,000 Enrichment programming

\$ 375,000 Work force supports (scholarships for essential workers)

and Other supports to assist providers and help recruit families

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\$1.3 million: Provider supports*

| Daily Capacity for eligible** SCHOOL AGE STUDENTS | Funding | # projected sites |
|--|--------------|-------------------|
| Fewer than 6 | \$2,000/site | 40 |
| 6-29 students | \$5,000/site | 55 |
| 30-60 students | \$7,500/site | 40 |
| 61 or more | \$12,500 | 65 |

(*) Any provider who accepts center supports will be asked to document that 20% of allocation is applied to **financial supports** to subsidize weekly childcare costs for families served.

(**)= **Eligible students** are 5K to 5th grade students currently enrolled in Greenville County Schools (virtual or traditional) or a SC approved charter school located in Greenville County





\$1.3 million: Provider supports

Allowable Expenses: Costs related to “startup and continuation of full-day services for school age children”

- Staffing costs
- Facility updates (e.g. Internet signal strengthening)
- Program supplies/equipment
- Internet
- Covid-19 response expenses
- Programming costs

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Ineligible Expenses: Costs NOT related to “startup and continuation of full-day services for school age children”

- Payroll expenses related to lost wages, staff bonuses
- Revenue to offset lost income
- Expenses prior to Aug 1
- Expenses without backup/receipts (due by Oct 31)

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\$1.3 million: Provider supports

Note: Funding is awarded as an advance, but backup paperwork will be required, all due by Oct 31, including:

- **Backup for Salaries: Payroll report or Copy of Time Sheets**
- **Backup for Purchases: Copy of Receipts**
- **Backup for Contracts/Vendors: Copy of Receipts**
- **Backup for Financial Assistance: Parent Name/Employer**





\$375,000 : Financial Assistance (scholarships)

375 \$1,000 grants to serve school age students
Calculated at \$100/week x 10 weeks

Eligible families:

- Essential workers (e.g., Health Care workers) who earn less than \$65,000
- Greenville County employees (who earn less than \$65,000)
- Greenville County public school employees (who earn less than \$65,000)
- Families at 300% FPL (\$75,000 for family of 4)

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\$375,000 : Workforce supports

How families can receive grants:

1. Family walks in to participating site
2. Site Director confirms eligibility and confirms space is available in center
3. Site completes brief online form on behalf of family
4. Site is notified within 24 hours if funding is available
5. Funding for 10-week period is sent as an advance (once approved)
6. Site applies \$1,000 grant towards student's weekly rates

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\$140,000: Program Enrichment

- **Funds available for ONLINE (and eventually onsite) enrichment activities (art, theater, science, fitness, wellness, etc.) for interested sites**
- **Programming available for participating sites as schedules allow-delivered online**
- **Greenville Non Profit Alliance will recruit enrichment partners and work with sites to coordinate scheduling**
- **Total cost for enrichment programming covered by CARES Act**
- **NO COST to provider**

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When are funds available? **TODAY**

- Apply online at www.GreenvilleFirstSteps.org/CARESACT
- Funding will be sent within 2 weeks of approval

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Additional FREE supports available

| Items | Details |
|--|--|
| Online and onsite training | FREE: YMCA of Greenville and Greenville First Steps and Greenville Schools will develop a series of online and onsite trainings- (e.g., start-up planning, facility plans, Covid-19 response, programming, virtual learning) |
| Downloadable resources | FREE downloadable resources to assist providers in start-up phase |
| Kidding Around Greenville promotional resources | FREE – Kidding Around Greenville will serve as a conduit to promote your location- and to encourage parents to apply |

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Expectations of provider

- Be an **eligible** childcare/school age provider in good standing with DSS (or have initiated approval process)- Must be licensed or registered with DSS, or have a Certificate of Temporary Operation from DSS. Paperwork for temporary certificate is here:

<https://www.scchildcare.org/departments/child-care-licensing/temporary-permit-to-operate.aspx>

- Be **open** and enrolling students or plan to be open by September 3, 2020
- Provide **accurate and timely information** in application and follow-up reporting
- Provide copies of **receipts** or invoices for approved expenses at close-out
- Provide **additional data** as requested by Greenville First Steps and Greenville County Council
- Consent to **additional surveys** (as needed) to measure impact of funds
- Consent to Greenville First Steps and County Council featuring provider in **communications and reporting**

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FAQs

- **What if I am not currently open?** You may apply EVEN IF YOU ARE CLOSED- as long as you plan to open by Sept 3, 2020
- **What if I received PPP or CARES funds?** You may apply whether you received EIDL and PPP funds or not. You may also apply if you received CARES funding- including Greenville County CARES funding for preschool services.
- **Are we eligible if we are a church based center?** Yes while churches may be ineligible for other CARES Act funds, church based providers with a DSS license # may apply. DSS Exempt providers may also apply.
- **We aren't a licensed provider, what should we do?** You may apply if you are a registered provider, or if you are an exempt provider. If you are offering emergency care and are not licensed, registered or exempt, you may still apply, but additional documentation will be required before funding will be approved.



FAQs

- **Is _____ an acceptable use of our funds?** We know each circumstance is unique. Anytime you have a question, email or call Anne Lee Buck from Greenville First Steps annelee@greenvillefirststeps.org and we will get you correct information. This grant is very flexible- as long as you can document that the expense was necessary for you to serve school age children in a full day setting
- **How do we measure our capacity?** If you are starting up a site, and are unsure of your capacity, please contact Anne Lee Buck, Greenville First Steps annelee@greenvillefirststeps.org and she can help you calculate your school age capacity using Covid-19 social distancing guidelines
- **We are only an afterschool program (or another type of program offering less than 7 hours/day) can we apply?** Since this grant is designed to support parents who are returning to work, these funds are only for those offering **FULL DAY** care. You would need to be open a minimum of 7 hours/day to be considered Full day.





Questions?

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