



Early Care and Education Emergency Support Mini-Grant September 2021

Grant Information and Criteria

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The Cielo Foundation*

Grant Information

The Cielo Foundation has granted \$30,000 to the Early Childhood Council of Boulder County (ECCBC) for a third round of mini grants to provide financial support for programs. This opportunity is intended to help licensed childcare programs in Boulder County with additional costs associated with operating during COVID-19. Grants between \$300 - \$900 will be awarded depending on the size and type of the child care organization.

The Grant Application must be email to eharrington@eccbouldercounty.org by December 1, 2021. We will be accepting applications on a rolling basis and processing in batches of (10) until all funds are expended.

Technical Assistance

Please email Erica Harrington at eharrington@eccbouldercounty.org for technical assistance.

Email Application to:

Erica Harrington
Programs Business Manager
Early Childhood Council of Boulder County
720-548-3980
eharrington@eccbouldercounty.org

Grant Application Deadline: Emailed by December 1, 2021

We cannot be held responsible for technology issues but will send a received notice.



About the Early Childhood Council of Boulder County (ECCBC)

Per House Bill 07-1062 “...there is hereby established a statewide integrated system of early childhood councils to improve and sustain the availability, accessibility, capacity, and quality of early childhood services for children and families.” In order to fulfill this legislative mandate, ECCBC employs the following strategies:

- Acts as the county wide convener (i.e. the backbone organization) for the Boulder County Early Childhood Collective Impact Collaboration to ensure coordinated and effective efforts to positively impact school readiness for young children in Boulder County
- Develops funding strategies to bring additional resources into Boulder County to support early childhood programs and services
- Impacts policy at the local and state level by providing expert testimony and consultation to policy-makers
- Builds public awareness of the importance of the first 5 years of life through community presentations, newspaper articles, Facebook and blogs
- Promotes accountability of our efforts to positively impact school readiness by publishing the ECCBC Indicators Report
- Works to improve the quality of licensed early care and education venues, including centers, family childcare homes and preschools

About the Early Care and Education Emergency Support Mini-Grant

Colorado’s licensed childcare have operating challenges due to state and local public health orders that impact operations. There are many reasons a program may struggle to remain open or reopen after closure, including the lack of access to supplies, higher operating costs under health and safety orders, the inability to pay bills while closed, the inability to keep staff while closed, and the risk of lack of committed income upon reopening leading to a net loss financially.

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Mini grant applications will be processed in batches of (10) to make a fair and equitable distribution of mini-grant funds across Boulder County. Small Centers and Preschools defined as a program with 1-2 classrooms can apply for up to \$600, Large Centers defined as a program with 3 or more classrooms



can apply for up to \$900, Family Child Care Homes can apply for up to \$300 and Large Family Child Care Homes can apply for up to \$500.

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Eligibility Criteria

- Must be a licensed childcare program in Boulder County.
- The program may have for-profit or non-profit status.
- Funds must be utilized to purchase supplies or to cover supplies purchased since August 1, 2021, used directly to improve health and safety in the care of children. Approved supplies include, but are not limited to:
 - Disposable masks for adults
 - Disposable masks for children
 - Cleaning supplies
 - Gloves
 - Hand washing supplies
 - Emergency staffing costs
 - Emergency accommodations
 - Lost tuition due to quarantined students
- Funds cannot be used for capital improvements, to purchase supplies for improvement of learning environments, or for consultants.
- The maximum amount requested is \$900.
- Applicant must complete all fields of the application and submit all required supporting documentation.
- Awarded applicants will be asked to complete a brief follow-up report via Survey Monkey.
- If an application is not selected, the applicant may resubmit in future rounds as additional mini-grant funding is secured.

Required Documentation

- Completed Early Care and Education Emergency Support Mini-Grant Application.
- A copy of your current and legible child care license issued by the Colorado Department of Human Services, Office of Early Childhood.
- Supporting documentation as defined in the application questions.

Funding Priorities

The funding priorities for the Early Care and Education Support Grant include:

- 1) Programs currently operating who have a proven hardship or are at risk of closing



2) Programs that are currently closed and have operated for at least one year prior to March 2020 who are unable to reopen without financial support

3) Programs that are closed who have operated for less than one year prior to March 2020 who are unable to reopen without financial support

In addition, priority will be given to applicants that serve emergency services families, and/or vulnerable families and children.



**Early Care and Education Emergency Support Mini-Grant
APPLICATION**

Cover Sheet

Date:	
Program Name:	
Program Type: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Small Center• Large Center• Preschool• FCCH• Large FCCH	
Program City:	
Contact Name:	
Contact Email:	
Dollar Amount Requesting (Round to even dollar amount) :	



Section One: Organizational Information

All fields must be completed. Please enter N/A or 0 for information not applicable to your program.

EARLY CARE AND EDUCATION EMERGENCY SUPPORT MINI-GRANT		
Grant Application		
A. PROGRAM INFORMATION		
Name of Program:		
Name of Director/Owner:		
Name of Fiscal Agent (if applicable):		
Phone:		
Email:		
Mailing Address:		
City:	State:	ZIP Code:
County:	Taxpayer Identification Number (TIN):	
Name of Contact Person (if different than Director):		
Phone:	Email:	



B. ORGANIZATION INFORMATION			
Primary address (if different from mailing address):			
City:	County:	State:	ZIP Code:
Child Care License Number:		Colorado Shines Level (1-5):	
Licensed Capacity:		Current Total Enrollment:	
Year Program Opened:	Accreditations (e.g. NAEYC):		
Check one: <input type="checkbox"/> Rent <input type="checkbox"/> Own		Number of months program is open during the year:	

C. DEMOGRAPHIC INFORMATION	
Center Auspice: <input type="checkbox"/> Profit <input type="checkbox"/> Nonprofit	
Number of infants enrolled (Birth-12 months)	Number of toddlers enrolled (1-2 yrs 11 mos)
Number of preschoolers enrolled (3-5 years)	Number of school-age children enrolled (6-12 years)
Do you accept families participating in the Colorado Child Care Assistance Program (CCCAP), Colorado Preschool Program (CPP), Other? (Please mark all that apply) CCCAP <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No CPP <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No Other <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	If yes, number of children participating in CCCAP?
	If yes, number of children participating in CPP?
	If yes to other, what is the name of program and how many children are served?
How many children in your program do not have English as their primary language?	
How many children in your program are experiencing homelessness?	



How many children in your program have special needs? (including, but not limited to, having a disability, IFSP or IEP)

How many children in your program are from families that would identify as a minority population by race or ethnicity?

Section Two: Narrative

Program Narrative:

Please tell us about your program. Speak about your mission, philosophy, the children, families, and community you serve. (suggest ½ page limit)



Please briefly explain how this emergency financial support will help keep your program open or to help you reopen? What hurdles are you facing as a childcare provider currently open for business? If you are reopening, what hurdles are you facing to ensure your program will open? (suggest ¾ page limit)

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Is there anything else you would like to share? (optional, suggest ½ page limit)

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Section Three: Budget

Please be as specific as you can. Be sure to include:

- a) all the items you are requesting coverage for, and;
- b) that the costs are totaled correctly.

In this budget, you may include bills paid or payments due for items since August 1, 2021. No personal or private business information is to be submitted (i.e. social security numbers).

Support Budget Items	Total Cost (Round all to even dollar amt)
1.	\$
2.	\$
3.	\$
4.	\$
5.	\$
6.	\$
7.	\$
8.	\$
9.	\$
10.	\$
[add if needed]	\$
Total Support Cost	\$
Total Amount Requested	\$



Section Four : Signature Page

Application Signatures

By signing below, I hereby attest that everything included in this application is valid and true. I certify that the applicant organization is licensed and is in good standing with the State of Colorado. I understand that all expenditures made in conjunction with any mini-grant award through this program must meet all applicable code and licensing requirements. I acknowledge that ECCBC may verify any and all information contained in this application, including, but not limited to, our facility's licensing history and status. Furthermore, a brief follow-up report is a requirement for acceptance of a grant award. By signing below, you understand the terms and requirements of the grant.

Name (please print):

X



Section Five: Checklist

Checklist (does not need to be submitted with application)

- Complete application with all required documentation:
- Copy of your current, legible program license issued by the Colorado Department of Human Services' Office of Early Childhood
- Documentation for the items as defined in budget (i.e. invoices, receipts) **may be** requested if awarded. The ECCBC staff will assist you in this process if notified that budget documentation is needed.