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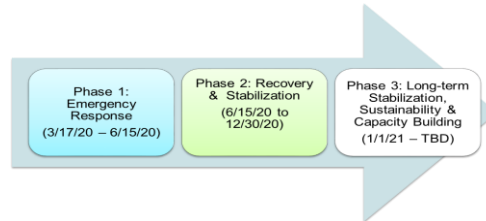
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New Hampshire Child Care COVID Funding
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Funding Status

To date, the State of New Hampshire has received \$167,467,010 in federal and state COVID-related relief dollars to assist the child care industry. Of these funds, \$120,261,531 has been distributed to-date by the Department of Health and Human Services directly to providers, as outlined on the attached overview. In addition, \$5,250,000 will be available for providers to apply for as a result of their participation in a Business Health Assessment designed to strengthen their programs, as well as two grant opportunities in the amounts of \$3,596,400 and \$15,000,000. The amount distributed to-date plus the additional \$23,846,400 in grant opportunities, will equal a total of \$144,107,931 of COVID-related federal funding distributed to child care providers in New Hampshire.

New Hampshire has had a three-phased approach to supporting childcare for children, families, providers, and the business community, and is now in Phase 3: Long-term Stabilization, Sustainability and Capacity Building.



COVID-Related Child Care Funding Source	Amount	Enactment Date	Liquidation Date
Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act via GOFERR	\$ 38,083,075	3/27/2020	9/30/2023
Child Care Development Block Grant Funds (CCDFX) Supplemental Discretionary Funds	\$ 6,999,268	4/20/2020	9/30/2023
Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act (CRRSA)	\$ 19,867,522	12/27/2020	9/30/2023
American Rescue Plan Act - Child Care Stabilization Funds (ARPA-S)	\$ 47,657,076	3/11/2021	9/30/2023
American Rescue Plan Act - Child Care Discretionary Funds	\$ 29,796,854	3/11/2021	9/30/2024
Child Care Development Funds FY22	\$ 5,168,215	10/1/2021	9/30/2022
Child Care Development Funds FY23	\$ 1,295,000	10/1/2022	9/30/2023
Child Care Operating Cost Reduction Grant (CCOER)	\$ 3,600,000	10/18/2023	9/30/2024
Child Care Workforce Grant (CCWG)	\$ 15,000,000	7/1/2023	6/30/2025
Total	\$ 167,467,010		

All funding sources except the Child Care ARPA Discretionary (ARPA-D) Funds served the purpose of Phases 1 and 2 to provide support to child care providers for emergency relief, recovery and stabilization. The ARPA-D funds, \$29,736,767 is for Phase 3 and targeted for overall strengthening of the child care system. The ARPA-D plan was developed with significant stakeholder engagement and is attached. To develop the plan, the Department, engaged with more than 400 individuals and organizations and in addition, conducted an online survey that received 430 responses from over 56 organizations, entities, and individuals. The purpose of these funds, as stated by the Office of Child Care within the Administration for Children and Families (ACF) is to assist Child Care Development Fund lead agencies (the Department) to:

- 1) Build a better child care system;
- 2) Help more families afford quality child care over the next three years; and
- 3) Meet the federal mandate under civil rights law to provide equal access to childcare programs, services and activities, including high quality programs.

New Hampshire is currently utilizing ARPA-D funds to strengthen the childcare system in a sustainable manner; increase access to affordable, quality childcare for families; and strengthen the childcare workforce now and for the future by investing in evidence-based and promising practices and strategies designed for these purposes. The plan is focused on strengthening childcare for children, families, providers, and communities and covers the following areas:

- Strengthening the Workforce
- Partnerships with NH Businesses and Employers
- Child Care Supply Building
- Family Equitable Access to Affordable, Quality Child Care
- Quality Improvement
- Infrastructure Building
- Emerging Priorities and Needs

The Department continues to work with the provider community, our stakeholders and others as we move forward the strategies aimed to build a stronger child care system for New Hampshire families.