

## Family Child Care (FCC) Programs

### What is the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Child Care Stabilization Grant?

The American Rescue Plan Act was signed by President Biden on March 11, 2021, and includes federal COVID-19 relief dollars to support child care providers in the United States. Massachusetts was awarded \$314 million dollars and EEC developed the new Commonwealth Cares for Children (C3) formula to distribute up to 6-month direct grants to child care providers.

### What is the C3 formula?

<b>TOTAL</b>	=	<b>BASE AMOUNT</b>	+	<b>EQUITY ADJUSTMENT</b>
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>└ All FCC programs will receive a minimum of \$5,000</li> <li>└ FCC programs with an assistant (part- or full-time) will receive additional funds</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>└ Some FCC programs will also receive additional funds (Level 1 or Level 2) based on the vulnerability of the communities they serve</li> </ul>

### Who is eligible for the EEC ARPA Child Care Stabilization Grant?

- All programs licensed by EEC as of March 11, 2021 **and** open to serve children at the time of application are eligible for this funding.
- These grants are not competitive. All child care providers that apply and meet the eligibility criteria will be awarded funds. Applications will be accepted on a rolling basis.

### The application process

- The application opened on the LEAD portal on August 3, 2021. The stabilization grants will be available from July-December 2021. You should apply for the first month that you meet the eligibility criteria to begin the application.
- Monthly funding amounts will be calculated based on the information submitted in your application. You will have an opportunity to confirm or update your application information each month.
- The application includes 10 sections:
 

– Instructions	– Equity adjustment
– Program information	– Attestation
– Operation hours	– Banking information
– Capacity information	– W9 details
– Staff information	– Review and summary

### Grant funds may only be used for one or more of the purposes below:

- Personnel costs, benefits, premium pay, and recruitment and retention
- Rent or mortgage payments, utilities, facilities maintenance and improvements, or insurance
- Personal protective equipment, cleaning and sanitation supplies and services, or training and professional development related to health and safety practices
- Purchases of or updates to equipment and supplies to respond to COVID-19
- Goods and services necessary to maintain or resume child care services
- Mental health supports for children and employees
- Paying for past expenses incurred after January 31, 2020

### To complete the application, you will need:

- Your program ID
- Race/ethnicity and gender of FCC Operator
- Confirmation of EEC consumer web page rate and hours information
- Enrollment information as of the first of the current month
- FCC Assistant information, including salary, benefits and additional stipends (if applicable)
- Scholarship information
- Monthly expenses (optional)
- Attestations: maintain salaries and providing tuition relief (to the extent possible)
- Banking and tax information

## Resources

To apply or learn more about the C3 formula, stabilization grant, and application process:

- Visit [EEC's website](#)
- Visit [EEC's Strategic Action Plan Engagement Portal](#)
- View the [Grant Application User Guide](#)
- View the [Grant Application Video Guide](#)

For help with the application, contact the ARPA Child Care Stabilization Grants Help Desk Support by calling 833-600-2074 or emailing [ecgrantsupport@mtxb2b.com](mailto:ecgrantsupport@mtxb2b.com).