

# MONTANA ONE TIME CHILD CARE STABILIZATION GRANT

## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS-FFN

### About The Grant

How long is the application open?

The FFN application is open through July 2022.

Is the One Time Child Care Stabilization Grant a loan that needs to be paid back?

No, this grant is not a loan. These funds are provided to stabilize the continued operations of child care programs and to cover expenses in response to COVID-19.

When do I need to have the One Time Child Care Stabilization Grant funding spent?

Programs should spend the funding each quarter. Grants are intended to cover ongoing operating expense.

Are the One Time Child Care Stabilization Grant funds taxable?

Consult with your accountant for more information. If you receive these funds, you will be mailed a 1099 form by Jan. 31, 2022, showing the amount you received in 2021.

Are the data provided in the One Time Child Care Stabilization Grant application and which programs receive funding awards public information?

Most of the data in the application is classified as public data, and if requested, must be made available to the person requesting it. Personally identifying information is not public and will not be shared.

How will I be notified that I am awarded or denied?

You will receive a Notice of Award and a contract or a decline letter with an explanation of why you were denied. DPHHS is anticipating a large volume of applications and it may take several weeks to process your application.

### ELIGIBLE Family Friend and Neighbor Providers

Who is eligible for the One Time Child Care Stabilization Grant?

Eligible providers must be:

- Providing care on the date of application or temporarily closed due to public health, financial hardship, or other reasons relating to the COVID-19 public health emergency **and**
- Registered and in good standing with Montana Child Care Licensing.

Under what circumstances can I be closed temporarily and still be eligible for these funds?

You are eligible for funds if you have to temporarily close under any of the following circumstances:

- Under guidance issued by the State of Montana or your local public health agency,
- Financial hardship due to the pandemic
- COVID-19 illness or outbreak in your program
- Or other COVID-19 related reasons

My child care registration is pending. Am I eligible for these funds?

Maybe. If you are new to providing care, then you are conditionally eligible for the funds. You may complete the grant application and submit. Once registration is complete, we will release grant funds to you.

## If I Am Awarded

How will I receive my One Time Child Care Stabilization Grant funds?

You will receive your funding by direct deposit to your bank account from DPHHS.

How often will I receive One Time Child Care Stabilization Grant payments?

You will receive a payment every quarter, or every 3 months. Payments will be made in January, April, July, and October. Your first payment will depend on when your application is submitted.

Will I have to submit receipts to prove how I spent the funds?

Maybe. You are required to maintain records of how the funds were spent and be prepared to share those records should the Montana DPHHS request them. DPHHS will conduct random monitoring audits. If selected for a random audit, you will be asked to provide the department with receipts and other documentation to demonstrate how you used the funding.

## If I Am Denied

If I resolve the reason I was denied, can I reapply?

Yes. To file an appeal, send an email to [HHSECFSDARPA@mt.gov](mailto:HHSECFSDARPA@mt.gov). Include your name, program name, PV#, and reason for appeal. Your appeal will be reviewed, and you will receive written notification stating the outcome of the review.

For questions, contact the ARPA Contact Center at 844-406-ARPA (2772)