



Dear Child Care Providers,

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The Children's Cabinet and the Urban League are taking applications for small Emergency Stipends.

Apply Here: <https://www.childrenscabinet.org/child-care-resources/for-providers/scholarship-grant-opportunities/>

Here are some Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) about the Emergency Stipends:

Q: What is the maximum stipend amount I can request?

A: The maximum for Family Child Care is \$1,000; the maximum for Centers is \$1,500.

Q: Is this money from the CARES Act?

A: No. The Child Care and Development Program has not yet received any money from the CARES Act. The state had some unspent child care money that we could get to you right away. That's how we are paying for the Emergency Stipends.

Q: Can the stipend money be used for payroll, rent, utilities, or other operating costs?

A: No. These funds are **not** for regular operating costs.

Q: What can I buy with the stipend money?

A: The stipend money is for supplies you need due to the COVID situation including but not limited to the following:

- General Supplies (changing table, STEM curriculum, school-age supplies)
- Cleaning and Safety Supplies (sponges, mops, bleach, masks, gloves)
- Child Care Supplies (diapers, wipes)
- Food & Food Service Supplies (milk, bread, healthy snacks, paper plates, utensils)

Q: How do I submit documentation of requested supplies in order to receive the Emergency Stipend?

A: There are two ways you may submit documentation to receive the money:

- You can send a list that has the name of each supplier, each item you need, how many of that item you want, and how much each one costs. Make sure the total cost is not more than the maximum stipend. The Children's Cabinet or the Urban League will make the order for you, purchase it, and arrange for it to be delivered to you; or
- You can submit itemized receipts for purchases you have already made of approved supplies with a subtotal cost not to exceed the maximum stipend (before tax) and you will be sent a reimbursement check.

Q: I need more money than this stipend. How do I apply for the **CARES Act Loan/Grant** money?

A: The Small Business Administration has loans and grants for small businesses to weather this storm:

- Businesses can take out a low-interest Economic Injury Disaster Loan (EIDL) to cover operating expenses. Businesses must start paying back the loans after one year. You can request a 10,000 advance on the loan. If you use the \$10,000 for certain COVID related costs, **this advance doesn't have to be paid back; it converts into a grant.**
- You can also apply for the Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) loan. The **whole loan will be forgiven** as long as the loan requirements are met and the staff stay employed for an 8-week period. Funds can be used for payroll, rent, or mortgage payments. You can contact the SBA's Customer Service Center at 1-800-659-2955 or by email: disastercustomerservice@sba.gov. **The SBA is strongly encouraging all small businesses to apply – do not try to determine your own eligibility. Home Based Child Care AND Centers should apply!**

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