

CCDF RECOVERY FUNDS

Discretionary Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act (Public Law 116-136):

Passed 3/27/2020. 100% Federal Funds. Meant to supplement funds for child care assistance for low-income families. Must be used for activities to prevent, prepare for, and respond to COVID-19. [CCDF-ACF-IM-2020-01](#)

These funds could be used for the following purposes;

- Continued payments and assistance to child care providers in the case of decreased enrollment or closures, and to assure the providers are able to remain open or to reopen.
- Cleaning and sanitation, and other activities necessary to maintain or resume the operation of programs due to COVID-19—funds under this activity are available to child care providers, even if such providers were not previously receiving CCDF assistance.
- Providing child care assistance to healthcare sector employees, emergency responders, sanitation workers, and other workers deemed essential during the response to COVID-19, without regard to the income eligibility requirements.
- Any other allowable CCDF uses.

Discretionary Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations (CRRSA) Act Funds (via the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2021, H.R. 133-402; P.L. 116-260):

Passed 12/27/20. 100% Federal Funds. Meant to supplement funds for child care assistance for low-income families. Must be used for activities to prevent, prepare for, and respond to COVID-19. [CCDF-ACF-IM-2021-01](#)

These funds could be used for the following purposes;

- Allowing funds to be used to provide assistance to child care providers in the case of decreased enrollment or closures related to COVID-19 and to ensure they are able to remain open or reopen as appropriate and applicable, including for fixed costs and increased operating expenses.
- Authorizing the use of funds to provide child care assistance to health care sector employees, emergency responders, sanitation workers, farmworkers, and other workers deemed essential during the response to coronavirus by public officials, without regard to income-eligible requirements in the CCDBG Act. The lead agency may define which workers are considered essential in accordance with any relevant state, territorial, and tribal laws or policies.
- The CRRSA Act funds can be used for any activities that are allowable under the CCDBG Act and CCDF regulations, as long as the activities relate to preventing, preparing for, and responding to COVID-19.

Supplemental Discretionary American Rescue Plan (ARP) Act CCDF Funds (P.L. 117-2):

Passed 3/11/21. 100% federal funds. These supplemental CCDF Discretionary funding made available through the ARP Act are not restricted to activities responding to the COVID-19 public health emergency. These funds are subject to all CCDF Discretionary requirements, except as noted in the ARP Act. [ARP Act CCDF Discretionary Supplemental Funds | The Administration for Children and Families \(acf.gov\)](#)

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- Lead agencies may use these supplemental funds for any activities allowable under the CCDBG Act and CCDF regulations. These activities are not restricted to responding to the COVID-19 public health emergency.
- Guidance focused on expanding access to high-quality child care, access to child care assistance through eligibility changes, mental health supports, outreach for child care assistance, and supporting vaccination.

Stabilization ARP Act Funds (Section 2202 of the ARP Act of 2021 (P.L. 117-2)):

Passed 3/11/21. 100% federal funds. [Text - H.R.1319 - 117th Congress \(2021-2022\): American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 | Congress.gov | Library of Congress](#) (The Office of Child Care IM has been removed from their website and is no longer available)

These funds could be used for the following purposes;

- To make subgrants to qualified child care providers to support the stability of the child care sector during and after the COVID-19 public health emergency.
- The lead agency shall reserve no more than 10% of the grant funds to administer the subgrants, provide technical assistance and support for applying for and accessing the subgrant opportunity, publicize the availability of the subgrants, and carry out the activities to increase the child care supply.