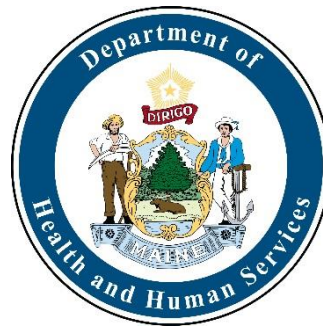


# Child Care Infrastructure Grant Program

## Information Session



# Grant Overview

\$15 million in federal funding allocated to child care infrastructure



Objective: increase the number of quality child care slots in Maine

Administered by the Maine Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) Office of Child and Family Services (OCFS) through a partnership with Coastal Enterprises, Inc. (CEI)

# Discussion Topics



- Overview
- Who is eligible?
- How can funding be used?
- How much can I get?
- When can I apply?
- How can I get help?
- Q&A

# Eligibility & Priorities

## Eligibility

- Start-ups
- Existing providers increasing licensed capacity
- Family-based (in a home)
- Facilities / centers (outside a home)

## Priority Applications

- Aroostook, Franklin, Penobscot, Piscataquis, Somerset & Washington Counties
- Subsidy & CACFP / USDA food program participants
- Infant & toddler services

# Permitted Uses of Funds

## Location

- Renovate your home
- Add a room to your home exclusively for child care
- Purchase or rent & renovate a building
- Construct a new space
- Acquisitions with a 25% enrollment in 4 months

## Children's Activities

- Purchasing educational materials
- Acquiring indoor furniture & fixtures
- Creating an outdoor learning environment
- Buying supplies required to be licensed
- Working capital: start-up money for payroll & food

# How Much Are the Grants?

*See the website & each application for details*

- Family Child Care Providers
  - Adding a room exclusively for child care: up to 50% of costs up to \$25,000
  - Start-Ups not adding a room: up to 75% of costs up to \$8,500
  - Licensed Capacity Expansion in Home: up to 75% of costs up to \$4,000
  - Expanding to a Facility: up to 50% of costs up to \$30,000
- Facilities
  - Start-Ups renovating space: up to 50% of costs up to \$80,000
  - Start-Ups constructing a new building: up to 50% of costs up to \$250,000
  - Licensed Capacity Expansion renovating space: up to 50% of costs up to \$30,000
  - Licensed Capacity Expansion constructing a new building: up to 50% costs up to \$200,000
  - Acquisitions with 25% enrollment increase: up to 50% of costs up to \$25,000

# FAQ's

When can I  
apply?

- Now: start-up & expanding family child care providers
- This week for facilities [Click to receive updates](#)

How do I  
apply?

- [Maine State Child Care Infrastructure Grant Program | CEI \(ceimaine.org\)](#)
- <https://www.ceimaine.org/maine-grants/child-care-infrastructure-grant-program>

Drop-in  
Sessions

- Listed on the website: [www.ceimaine.org/maine-grants/child-care-infrastructure-grant-program/](http://www.ceimaine.org/maine-grants/child-care-infrastructure-grant-program/)

1:1 Help

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