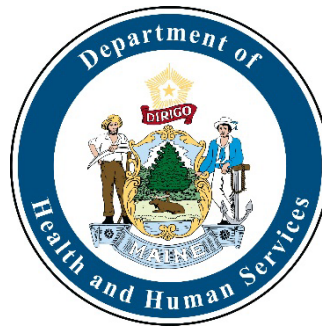


# Child Care Infrastructure Grant Program

## Information Session



# Grant Overview

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



Objective: increase the number of licensed quality child care slots

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?

## Family Child Care Providers

- **Start-Ups**
  - Adding a room exclusively for child care: up to 50% of costs up to \$25,000
  - Using your existing home (not adding a room): up to 75% of costs up to \$8,500
- **License Capacity Expansions:**
  - Expanding in your Home: up to 75% of costs up to \$4,000
  - Expanding to a Facility: up to 50% of costs up to \$30,000

# How Much Are the Grants?

## Child Care Facilities

- Start-Ups / New, Additional License:
  - Renovating an existing building: up to 50% of costs up to \$80,000
  - Constructing a new building\*:
    - 12 to 20 children: up to 50% of costs up to \$100,000
    - 21 to 49 children: up to 50% of costs up to \$200,000
    - 49+ children: up to 50% of costs up to \$250,000
- Acquisitions with 25% enrollment increase: up to 50% of costs up to \$25,000

\*Definition: new building with new floors, walls, ceilings and a roof where none previously existed

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## Child Care Facilities

- License Capacity Expansion:
  - Renovating existing building: up to 50% of costs up to \$30,000
  - Constructing a new building\* with minimum 10 new licensed slots:
    - 21 to 49 children: up to 50% of costs up to \$150,000
    - 49+ children: up to 50% of costs up to \$200,000

\*Definition: new building with new floors, walls, ceilings and a roof where none previously existed **or** adding square footage to an existing building with new exterior walls and a new larger roof PLUS adding at least 50% more to your licensed capacity



# FAQ's

When can I  
apply?

- Today!

How do I  
apply?

- [Maine State Child Care Infrastructure Grant Program | CEI \(ceimaine.org\)](http://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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