



District of Columbia
Office of the State Superintendent of Education

Grant Opportunities for Intermediaries

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The Office of the State Superintendent of Education (OSSE) Division of Early Learning (DEL) supports the early care and education community through several grant programs that offer financial assistance and business and planning supports to child development facilities to preserve and increase the supply and quality of child care to meet the needs of District of Columbia children and families and to cultivate a high-quality child care workforce. OSSE administers these programs through intermediaries, selected through a competitive process, that provide direct support to child care providers and early educators. Interested organizations can find more information on current, upcoming and past grant opportunities and application requirements below. OSSE will update this document as new opportunities become available, and grants are awarded.

Current and Upcoming Opportunities

There are no current or upcoming opportunities for intermediaries. This document will be updated as new opportunities become available.

Past Grant Opportunities

Access to Quality Child Care Grant

The \$10 million [Access to Quality Child Care](#) grant will provide support to current and future child development facility operators to expand, open and improve new and existing child development facilities. Grant funds will be spread over two years.

In February 2022, the [Low Income Investment Fund \(LIIF\)](#) was selected to administer the grant.

Contact

For questions related to the Access to Quality Child Care grant, email childcareDC@liifund.org.

Back-to-Work Child Care Grant

The [Back-to-Work Child Care grant](#) will provide additional financial assistance to preserve the supply of child care in neighborhoods most impacted by coronavirus (COVID-19) during the District's recovery. It will enable some under-enrolled providers to fully reopen and cover the costs of extra child care slots, ensuring there are spaces available for families as they return to work.

In June 2022, LIIF was selected to administer the grant.

Contact

For questions related to the Back-to-Work Child Care grant, childcareDC@liifund.org.

DC Leading Educators to Advanced Degrees (DC LEAD) Program Grant

The [DC LEAD](#) program grant aims to support the current workforce in enhancing or obtaining the knowledge, skills and credentials needed to work in early childhood education. The program provides ongoing, comprehensive support to the current workforce by promoting professional development, staff retention and career advancement in early childhood education. There are also opportunities for members of the workforce who already meet the minimum education requirements to receive incentives.

The [Southeast Children's Fund](#) (SCF) was selected to administer the grant.

Contact

For questions related to the DC LEAD program, please contact DCLEAD@sechildrensfund.org or (202) 561-5500.