



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.

Upcoming Opportunities

Access to Quality Child Care Grant

The \$10 million [Access to Quality Child Care](#) grant aims to increase the supply of child care services for infants and toddlers in the District of Columbia by 2023. Grant funds will be used to expand, open new or improve existing child development facilities in order to improve the supply and quality of child care services in DC.

The Access to Quality Child Care grant will be available through a competitive process. Grant funds will be spread over two years.

Eligible Applicants

Eligible applicants must be able to demonstrate expertise in early childhood education and providing technical assistance in child development facility financing and development. Applicants are encouraged to seek and propose bold and creative solutions.

Application Details

The Access to Quality Child Care grant application will open to intermediaries on Monday, Nov. 29, 2021, and will be available through OSSE's [Enterprise Grants Management System \(EGMS\)](#). To access the application, you must be a registered vendor of EGMS. New vendors should allot at least 72 hours for the registration process.

Applicants must submit the application through EGMS by Friday, Dec. 24, 2021, at 3 p.m. OSSE will not accept or review applications submitted at or after 3:01 p.m. on Dec. 24, 2021.

A pre-application webinar will be held on Wednesday, Nov. 24, 2021, from 1-4 p.m. Interested applicants are encouraged to participate. To register, please email Alexis Williams, program manager, grants and financial services, at Alexis.Williams@dc.gov.

Contact

For questions related to the Access to Quality Child Care grant, contact Alexis Williams, program manager, grants and financial services, at Alexis.Williams@dc.gov or (202) 741-7637.

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 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.

Eligible Applicants

Nonprofit or for-profit community-based organizations and faith-based organizations or agencies are eligible for the Back-to-Work Child Care grant. Applicants must have experience in business and financial management, system design, and early childhood and a working knowledge of the District's early childhood landscape.

Application Details

OSSE expects to release a Request for Applications (RFA) and host a pre-application webinar for prospective grantees to administer the Back-to-Work Child Care grant in January 2022. Check back here for more information.

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Past Grant Opportunities

Early Childhood Education Workforce College Development Program Grant

The [Early Childhood Education \(ECE\) Workforce College Development Program \(WCDP\) 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 will provide ongoing, comprehensive support to the current workforce by promoting professional development, staff retention and career advancement in early childhood education. Additionally, there will be opportunities to provide incentives to members of the workforce who already meet the minimum education requirements.

Eligible Applicants

Eligible applicants must be able to demonstrate expertise in early childhood education, have knowledge in scholarship programs in DC, and have experience in monitoring scholarships or other awards.

Application Details

The ECE WCDP grant application was released on Wednesday, Sept. 15, 2021 through EGMS. A pre-application webinar was held on Monday, Sept. 20, 2021. The application period closed on Wednesday, Oct. 20, 2021.

Grant Opportunities for Child Development Facilities

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