



Using the Child Care Relief Fund 2022

Child Care Relief Fund Background



- One of the most significant challenges faced by child care providers is recruiting and retaining staff.
- The Child Care Relief Fund 2022 provides an opportunity to provide the compensation needed for your staff.

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- **In 2021**, the Texas Workforce Commission (TWC) offered **\$775 million** in Child Care Relief Funds to child care providers
- **In 2022**, TWC will offer a new round of Child Care Relief Funding, totaling **\$3.45 billion**

Eligibility for 2022 CCRF



Eligible child care programs are:

1. Open to provide child care services at the time of application OR temporarily closed due to COVID-19 related reasons with plans to reopen within 30 days;
2. Actively licensed or registered with Child Care Regulation by February 28, 2022;
3. In good standing with Child Care Regulation; and
4. Committed to remaining open through at least May 2023.

How are awards determined?



Licensed
Capacity



Quality Rating
or Accreditation



Market Rate



Location

Award amounts will **NOT** be modified regardless of subsequent changes (a provider's amount will not be modified if licensed capacity changes).

Funding Formula



$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} 75^{\text{th}} \text{ Percentile of the average} & & & & & & \\ \text{daily local market rate for} & & & & & & \\ \text{child care in Workforce Area} & \times & 100\% \text{ of licensed} & \times & 22 \text{ days (average amount of} & \times & \text{Multiplier of} \\ & & \text{capacity} & & \text{days per month that care is} & & 3.2725 \\ & & & & \text{provided over one year)} & & \end{array}$$

Potential Enhanced Funding Rate	Enhanced Percentage
Nationally Accredited (not Texas Rising Star)	13%
Texas Rising Star 2-star	13%
Texas Rising Star 3-star	25%
Texas Rising Star 4-star	38%
Child Care Desert	10%
Social Vulnerability Index score of .750 or greater	10%
Social Vulnerability Index score of .600-.749	5%

What is the Social Vulnerability Index (SVI)?



The CDC's Social Vulnerability Index (SVI) uses U.S. Census data to determine the social vulnerability of every census tract.

15 variables identify areas most vulnerable to negative impacts from disasters and public health crises.

Overall Vulnerability	Socioeconomic Status	Below Poverty
		Unemployed
		Income
		No High School Diploma
	Household Composition & Disability	Aged 65 or Older
		Aged 17 or Younger
		Above Age 5 with a Disability
		Single-Parent Households
	Minority Status & Language	Minority
		Speaks English "Less than Well"
	Housing Type & Transportation	Multi-Unit Structures
		Mobile Homes
		Crowding
		No Vehicle
		Group Quarters

CCRF 2022 Average Awards



Program Type	Average 2022 Award (\$3.4B)	Average Award 2021
Licensed Center	\$ 358,798	\$83,959
Licensed Child-Care Home	\$ 31,225	\$6,904
Registered Child-Care Home	\$ 28,734	\$6,498
Grand Total	\$ 257,742	\$61,455

Receiving Funding for 2022 CCRF



1. Total award amounts will be split across 4 quarterly payments
2. Once your application is approved, your first quarterly payment should be issued within approximately 7 days
3. To receive your second, third, and fourth payments, you must first report on your uses of funds for the previous quarter

Eligible Expenses for 2022 CCRF



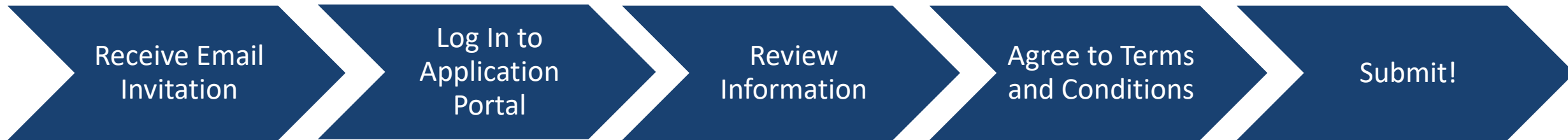
One-time opportunity to cover expenses necessary to maintain or resume program operations incurred between **September 1, 2021 and May 31, 2023**, including on:

1. Payroll and personnel costs, including wage supplements, bonuses, and hazard/premium pay
2. Rent, Mortgage, Insurance, and Utilities
3. Facilities Maintenance
4. Personal protective equipment (PPE), cleaning and sanitization supplies/services
5. Equipment and Supplies to respond to COVID-19
6. Supporting mental health of children and employees
7. Other necessary goods and services



How do I Apply?

Application Process for 2022 CCRF



- ✓ The person applying for the CCRF must be a person identified as a controlling person with CCR.
- ✓ A separate application must be submitted for each location
- ✓ TWC will accept applications until May 31, 2022

Requirements for 2022 CCRF



Applicants must agree to:

1. When open and providing services, implement policies in line with the guidance and orders from state and local authorities and, to the greatest extent possible, from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).
2. Pay at least the same amount in weekly wages and maintain the same benefits for each staff member, and not involuntarily furlough employees, for the duration of the award.
3. To the extent possible, provide relief from copayments and tuition payments for enrolled families, prioritizing relief for families struggling to make these payments and those making under 85% of State Median Income for a family of the same size.

Reporting and Monitoring



Reporting: Quarterly and Final Report required on use of funds

Monitoring: Enhanced monitoring will occur for 2022 funding

Keep your Receipts!

If selected for monitoring, you must provide documentation to support your compliance with the program.

Keep your receipts, invoices, and other supporting documentation of uses of your funding award.

Failure to provide adequate documentation or a determination of noncompliance may result in recoupment of funds and ineligibility for future funding opportunities.



Where can I get help?

Resources and Help



childcare.texas.gov

- Step-by-step guides for the CCRF
- Free business resources
- Requests for coaching on CCRF spending and your business
- All support is in English and Spanish

CCReliefFunds@Trelliscompany.org or call 1-833-643-3192

- Questions about CCRF
- Help filling out the CCRF application
- Application troubleshooting
- Support is in English, Spanish, Vietnamese, and other languages!

twc.texas.gov/programs/child-care-relief-funding

Important Information from TWC on CCRF 2022

Thank you!

