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What you need to know
Round 2 Grant Application

• Complete in EFS MOD – Provider Portal
• Same eligibility requirements as Round 1
  • All eligible childcare providers may apply (contracted & non-contracted)
  • Must have an active profile in the Provider Portal
  • Must be open before March 11, 2021
  • If open after March 11, 2021, be contracted with the Coalition and have received a School Readiness Health and Safety Inspection
• Deadline to apply, February 28, 2023
• This round will be paid one time, not three (3) installments
• Payment should be made within 30 of application submission & approval
Reminders for Round 1
Installment 2 and Installment 3

• Log in to your Provider Portal to complete the certification
• Deadline to submit for Installment 2 is December 15, 2022
• Deadline to submit for Installment 3 is April 3, 2023
• If not complete by the deadlines, the certifications will be inactivated
Grant Eligibility Requirements

• You must meet these eligibility requirements for all grant applications in this presentation
  • No ELC Contract Terminations in last 5 years
  • Not under fraud investigation
  • Not on the Food Program USDA Disqualified list
  • Must submit an IRS W-9 for payment
Supply Building Initiatives
Hiring, Upskilling, Retaining, & Training
Recruit & Train New Teachers
Contracted and Non-Contracted Providers

• Recruitment Bonus
  • $500 Bonus upon completion of background screening and at least 120 hours of continued employment

• Health and Safety Bonus
  • $700 Bonus upon completion of the DCF required health and safety training and exam

• CLASS Bonus
  • $600 Bonus upon completion of both Foundations for Teachers and MyTeachstone Learn Abouts for either PreK or Infant/Toddler; excludes school-age

• Upskill Directors
  • $750 Bonus for Directors that complete 29 hours of CLASS Foundational content
    • Must be contracted with the Coalition to apply for Upskill Directors Bonus
      (directors participating in the Child Success Grant, are ineligible for this bonus)
Recruit & Train New Teachers – Training Time Frames and Application Submission Time Frames

• Background screenings and training must be completed between July 1, 2022, and June 30, 2023.

• Provider must submit an Early Learning/Child Care Provider Eligibility Application for the program for approval beginning January 3, 2023.

• Staff must submit an Early Learning Educator/Director Bonus Application indicating which bonus(es) they are applying for.

• More than one bonus may be applied for.

• The Coalition will accept one application per employee.

• Employee Applications are due no later than July 15, 2023.
Elevate Florida’s Early Learning Workforce
Improve Teacher-Child Interactions
Child Success Grants
Professional Development Bonus

• Training for up to two 24-hour segments of DEL approved training on adult child interactions
  • Professional Development Bonus – Segment 1
    • $500 Bonus for Employee
    • $600 Bonus for Director
  • Professional Development Bonus – Segment 2
    • $700 Bonus for Employee
    • $800 Bonus for Director
• Performance Bonus
  • Programs who receive the Professional Development Bonus through this grant and achieve a CLASS composite score of 5 or higher or improve by 0.5 on its next schedule assessment will receive an additional bonus.
    • $500 Bonus for Employee
    • $600 Bonus for Director

• This grant is for the whole childcare program, director participation required
• Work with a coach will be provided and will support weekly goals
Child Success Grants - Eligibility

• Must be a School Readiness or VPK contracted provider
• Must have a CLASS composite score of 4.99 or below on most recent assessment
• Exempt providers without a CLASS composite score may apply; however, are not eligible for the Performance Bonus unless provider chooses to participate in the School Readiness Program Assessments; excludes school-age
CLASS Observer Director Training Grant

- CLASS Observer training for SR and VPK Directors only
  - CLASS Pre-K Observer Training – 2-day virtual training
  - CLASS Infant/Toddler Observer Training – 2-day virtual training
- CLASS composite score below a 5
- $1,200 Bonus for completing CLASS Prek and/or Infant/Toddler Observer trainings
Child Success & CLASS Observer Director Training Grants
Training Time Frames and Application Submission Time Frames

• Child Success Grant and CLASS Observer training must be completed between July 1, 2022, and June 30, 2023.

• Provider must submit a completed Early Learning/Child Care Provider Child Success and CLASS Observer Grant Application, Part A no later than April 30, 2023.

• Part B of the Grant Application is due no later than July 15, 2023.
Continuous Quality Improvement Grant

• Must be a School Readiness or VPK contracted provider
• Must have a CLASS composite score of 5 or higher
• Must develop/implement a program to strengthen practices that support effective interactions, strengthen business and leadership practices, support child assessments and screening with reliability or other local priorities
• Must provide a minimum of 24 hours of training to include live coaching, live instruction, virtual instruction, individual and group instruction, and other competency-based skill development exercises.
• Director and all staff must participate
Continuous Quality Improvement Grant
Training Time Frames and
Application Submission Time Frames

• Continuous Quality Improvement Grant training must be completed between July 1, 2022, and June 30, 2023.

• Provider must submit a completed Continuous Quality Improvement Grant Application beginning January 3, 2023, for approval.

• Within 15 days of the training plan’s end date, provider must submit completion certificates for all participants and expenditure of funds in alignment with the grant application budget.
Supplies required for CLASS and other Trainings

- If you or your staff have completed the CLASS Group Coaching PreK or Infant Toddler course since July 1, 2022, it may be used for these grants.
- Coalition will provide lists of approved trainings for each grant.
- Coalition will add CLASS Group Coaching PreK and Infant Toddler sessions to the Coalition website.
- Coalition will provide the CLASS Kit, CLASS Dictionary and CLASS Strategy Cards to participants.
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