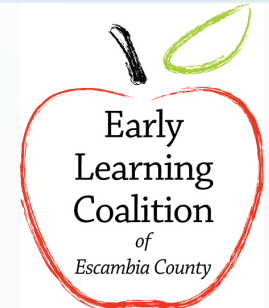


ARPA Stabilization Grant Round 2

Introduction into ARPA Grants





ARPA Stabilization Grant Round 2

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
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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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Questions?

