

CCDF Cares Act Stimulus funding update:

Montana was awarded \$10,113,887 from the CARES Act specifically for Child Care Development Fund use. DPHHS supported Montanans impacted by COVID-19 with CARES Act funding in the following ways:

- Financial support for licensed and registered childcare programs
- Financial support for temporary emergency childcare
 - Applications open May 6 and scheduled to be closed July 31
- Best Beginnings Child Care Scholarship for eligible families:
 - The Early Childhood Services Bureau covered 100% of copayments for families for the months of March, April, and May 2020
 - The Early Childhood Services Bureau reimbursed providers at 100% of the authorized amount of care for the months of March, April, and May 2020

To date the funding has been expended as follows:

Best Beginnings support:	\$1,419,479	
Licensed Care Grants:	\$4,464,490	818 programs
Temporary Emergency Care Grants:	\$ 782,771	15 programs
Total Spent:	\$ 6,666,740	
Remaining funding:	\$ 3,447,147	

818 Licensed and registered providers received an initial grant (ranging from \$3000-\$8000 depending on facility type) to be used for cleaning and sanitation, personnel costs, supplies and administration.

Early Childhood Services Bureau will provide an additional payment to be used for these continuing costs as well as for the preparation and possible expansion of services for the coming school year. Depending on what each school district determines is the best plan for their communities, the need for wrap around services for children and families will increase. This will result in increased costs related to facility, supplies, sanitation, and staffing.

Additional payments will be the following:

- \$2,500 for Family Child Care
- \$3,500 for Group Child Care
- \$5,500 for Centers

Awards will be based on previous applications and payments will be processed at the end of July. There is no need to submit additional paperwork at this time.