



Oregon Department of
Early Learning and Care



Child Care Infrastructure Fund: Application Webinar



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Welcome

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- If you have questions about your specific project, please contact us

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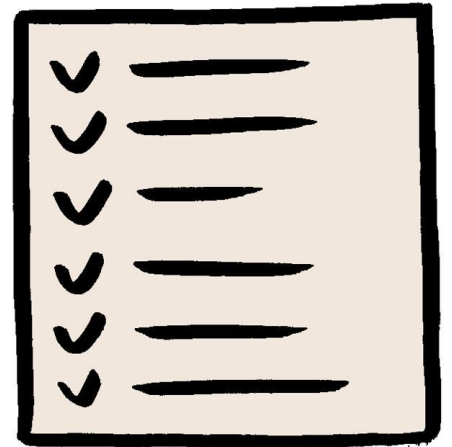
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Webinar Agenda

- CCIF Program Overview, Timeline, & Eligibility
- Application Submission
- Scoring Process
- Key Components of a Successful Application
- Technical Assistance Offerings
- Q&A Session



Program Overview



- Business Oregon, Department of Early Learning and Care, and other state agencies are implementing a funding program to provide financial assistance for child care infrastructure needs
- CCIF is a competitive statewide grant focused on providing funds for establishment, expansion, and improvements of child care facilities across the state
- Goal is to boost the availability and quality of child care facilities and resources provided to them, leading to critical support for families and communities across Oregon

Timeline



FIRST ROUND

Applications open Aug 15 - Sept 30

Awards are announced November 15!

SECOND ROUND

Applications open early 2025

FUNDING MUST BE SPENT

Your awarded funds must be spent by

May 2027

Project Types

1. **Planning Projects (up to \$75,000)** - help develop the plan you'll need to determine if a child care infrastructure project is feasible
2. **Minor Renovation and Repairs (\$20,000 – \$99,999)** - minor repairs and renovations needed to expand/retain your child care offerings
3. **New Construction or Major Renovation (\$100,000 – \$2,000,000)** - large scale projects (e.g. remodeling a site; construction of a new center)
4. **Property Acquisition (\$20,000 – \$2,000,000)** - purchase land, buildings, or ADUs to establish a child care facility that will not be used as private residence

Eligibility

See full list of eligibility on CCIF Program Guidelines. If you need help identifying eligibility, please reach out to one of the TA Providers.

Eligible projects are restricted to fixed, immovable assets including new construction, repairs, renovations, modernizations, retrofitting, property acquisition and planning projects. CCIF is also restricted to actively licensed providers in Oregon.

Eligible project examples include:


- Adding an additional bathroom
- Playground and landscaping
- Building a center
- Renovation, repair, or retrofitting of an existing facility
- A feasibility study/plan related to a child care infrastructure project

Ineligible project examples include:

- Furnishing and materials
- Operational costs such as rent, wages, insurance, marketing, etc.
- Anything that is not an immovable asset
- Property acquisition of home/ADU to be used as private residence

Application Process

FIRST STEP!
Create your
portal account



Business Oregon Application Portal

Create an Account

Complete the following fields to create an account. Please note that the email address you provide will be your username when you return to our application portal. Your password needs to be a minimum of 8 characters long and must contain at least one number.

First Name

Last Name

Email

Password

Confirm Password

Check this box if you are creating an account for the child care application

What is 2 + 2?

Application Process

- **TIP:** Use a separate document for more detailed responses, copy and paste into online application
- **TIP:** Review your project's checklist before applying
- **Project Checklists:** Each project type has a list of required and optional documents to upload. This may include detailed project budgets, photos of what you want funded, contractor bids, lender pre-approval letters, purchase agreements, blueprints, business plans, and more.

Application Process

Other Important Notes:

- One application per facility
- Include all the work needed per facility in a single application
- Application is NOT first come first serve.
- You may be awarded and receive less funding than what you requested
- 1st round applicants can be automatically added into the 2nd round with the opportunity to improve and resubmit applications



Scoring Criteria



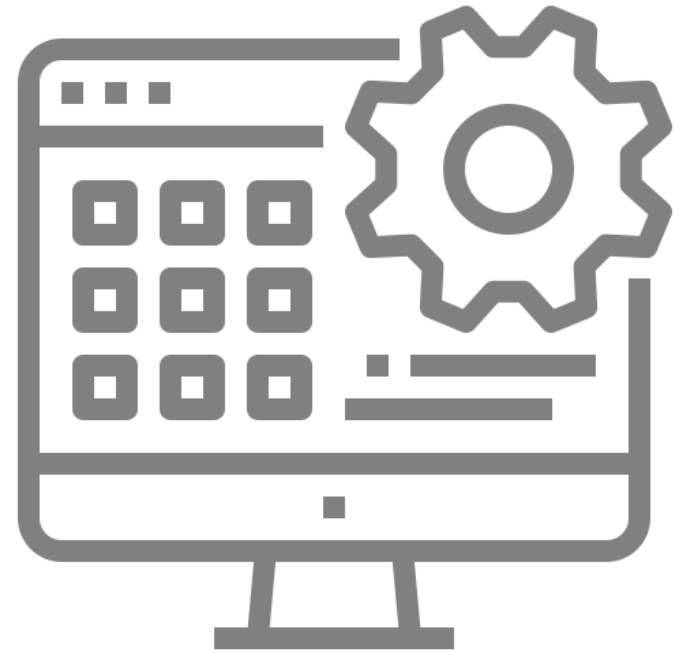
- Culturally Specific Pool
- Project Goal & Need in Community
- Community Alignment
- Program Types & Priority Populations
- Readiness to Proceed & Program Sustainability

Questions to Ask Yourself

- Is your program culturally specific?
- Do you have extensive experience in the industry / have extensive amt of years in operation?
- Will your project lead to increasing or preserving slots?
- Does your project meet your community's needs?
- Do you have community support and/or partnerships that support your business?
- Does your project serve a community in a child care desert?
- Is your program year-round? Do your business operations exceed traditional business hours?
- Does your program serve, or plan to serve, infants and toddlers?
- Are you able to begin work on your project once you receive your award? What are the milestones you've already achieved to date?
- Will your operations be able to achieve sustainability beyond the grant period?

Prioritization for Programs and Projects

- Culturally specific organizations
- Expanding or creating new child care slots
- Expanding or offering infant and toddler care
- Operations located in child care deserts
- Programs offering extended hour care
- Accepting subsidies such as Employment Related Day Care (ERDC)
- Operate full day (6+ hours/day) and full year



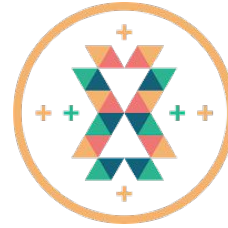
Some Additional Strategies to Think

About...

- If you are far along in the process, apply this round. If not, apply for a Planning Project grant to build internal capacity to focus on the feasibility and success of your application for the second round
- If your awarded planning project is successful and proven achievable, your application will be prioritized in the second round.
- Property Acquisition application allows you to include all renovations and repairs needed for the property acquired
- Minor and Major Renovation Projects - Note the \$ range needed, and include ALL renovations/repairs needed in ONE application per facility

Technical Assistance Support Includes:

- CCIF Application Support
- Writing a Business Plan
- Creating a Budget
- Business Training and Resources
- Translation Support
- CCIF Grant Spending Plan and Implementation
- Record Keeping
- Access to Professional Service Providers (Legal Assistance, Digital Marketing, CPA/Accounting, Tax Consulting/Preparation, Bookkeeping, HR, and Capital Consulting)



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