**CHILD CARE PROVIDER RECOVERY PROGRAM**

The Child Care Provider Recovery Program provides grants to child care centers that have had to close their doors or have had difficulties remaining open during the COVID-19 pandemic.

**PURPOSE:**

County Executive Angela Alsobrooks announced an appropriation of $2 million of CARES Act funding to assist with the reopening of those child care centers and family/home-based child care programs that have had difficulty reopening and to assist centers that remained open and have experienced financial loses due to COVID-19. Of the amount appropriated:

* $1.4 million is targeted to licensed child care centers
* $600,000 is targeted to registered family child care homes

Child Care providers in Prince George’s County may apply for grants to cover expenses through the Child Care Provider Recovery Program. Eligible child care providers may receive a grant up to $20,000 for licensed child care centers and up to $3,000 for registered family child care homes.

**The deadline to apply is December 11, 2020.**

**ELIGIBILITY:**

* Have a center that is currently closed or have recently reopened after June 1, 2020; Centers that remained open are now eligible to apply. (Criteria Modified 11.23.2020)
* Have a **licensed** child care center or registered family child care or large family child care home located in the County;
* Must be in “good standing” with the State of Maryland;
* Provide child care to children from birth to the age of five;
* Have incurred financial losses caused directly or indirectly by the COVID-19 public health emergency;
* Not be in bankruptcy or litigation
* Have not received funds/support from other county COVID-19 recovery business relief programs;

**HOW TO APPLY:**
To apply for recovery funds, complete an online application by selecting “Start Application Online.” Retain your application number for future reference and save your application as you go. If you are unable to complete your application in one session, continue your application by using your application ID number. Attach all required documentation items within the application portal. Once your application has been submitted, you will be unable to make any changes or attach any additional documents. Incomplete applications will not be considered.

Prior to submission of your application, confirm that your business is “Active” and in “Good Standing” by using SDAT’s free search using the link below. Evidence of Good Standing is required to complete the online application

<https://egov.maryland.gov/BusinessExpress/EntitySearch>

If your business is not in good standing, you are not eligible to receive funds. If you need assistance with getting your business back in good standing, directions can be found at the link below and on the [attached checklist](https://www.pgcedc.com/s/GoodStandingChecklist.pdf).

<https://businessexpress.maryland.gov/manage/maintain-good-standing-status>

**USE OF GRANT:**
Child care providers may receive a grant up to $20,000 for licensed child care centers and up to $3,000 for registered family child care homes to support re-opening costs including personal protection equipment (PPE), payroll, supplies, rent, fixed debt payments and other business critical cash operating costs.

**REQUIRED DOCUMENTS:**

* Complete Online Application
* A copy of your Maryland State Department of Education (MSDE) License
* Evidence of Good Standing (Screenshot/Photo will be accepted)
* Copy of Voided Check

**NOTICE OF GRANT AWARD & ACCEPTANCE**

Recipients of a grant will be notified by the email that is provided on the application. Applicants will certify at the end of the application that all information provided is accurate and true. The names of the grant recipients, and the dollar amount of the grants received, are public information.

**Grant awardees must commit to re-open within 30 days of receiving funds and remain open for at least 120 days thereafter.**

Upon grant approval, a certificate of general liability insurance certificate identifying the County as an “Additional Insured” must be provided. Grant funds may be reported as taxable income to the businesses. IRS 1099 Forms will be issued to each grant recipient.

If you have questions, please send an email to childcarerecoverypgc@co.pg.md.us