

## Alaska COVID-19 Relief Funds- timeline as of June 2022

### **Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act**

Date of Enactment: March 27, 2020

Alaska received award: April 12, 2020

Amount: \$6,489,103

#### **Guidance received:**

- Information About COVID-19 of CCDF Lead Agencies: Relevant Flexibility in CCDF Law: March 13, 2020
- Summary of Child Care Provisions of Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act or “CARES Act”: April 6, 2020
- CCDF Discretionary Funds Appropriated in the CARES Act: April 29, 2020
- Clarifications for Reporting CCDF Direct Services on the ACF-801 Report During the COVID-19 Response: June 6, 2020

**Fully Spent in 2020 and supplemented with \$10 million of COVID relief funds:** Provided Capacity Building Grants to child care providers for March, April, and May 2020, and supported families with co-pays.

### **Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Act**

Date of Enactment: December 27, 2020

Alaska received award: February 1, 2021

Amount: \$18,800,000 available until September 30, 2023

#### **Guidance received:**

- Planned Use of Child Care and Development Fund CRRSA Funds Report: February 12, 2021
- CCDF Discretionary Funds Appropriated in the CRRSA Act: April 14, 2021
- Information Memorandum: April 29, 2021

Submitted plan for use of CRRSA funds on February 24, 2021- Approved by OCC.

#### **Obligated to date: \$9,335,604**

Provided scholarship funds to the University of Alaska system for early childhood

Provided funding to thread for:

- COVID response capacity
- ROOTS Award- funding to individuals working in the field and in the SEED registry
- Infrastructure support-completion of Provider Portal to support child care programs access to resources
- Free training for child care available to all individuals
- Quality and Professional Development supports

- Sponsorships
- OCS support for Foster Families
- New Provider Start Up
- Child Care Campaign

**Continued Spending Planning efforts are ongoing:**

- Continue to waive family co-payments
- Expand Child Care Assistance program to health care workers, first responders and child care workers.
- Provide additional technical assistance to providers, supplies, PPE, etc. for virus mitigation.
- Supports to child providers who are not currently participating in the child care assistance program
- Technical assistance and startup funds for providers who are not currently licensed.

**American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA)- Stabilization**

Date of Enactment: March 11, 2021

Alaska received award: April 14, 2021

Amount: \$45,336,010 available until September 30, 2023

**Guidance received:**

- ARP Act Stabilization Grants: March 10, 2021
- Information Memorandum: May 10, 2021
- ARP Act Subgrant Resources: May 25, 2021
- ARP Act reporting requirements are out for public comment and are not yet finalized states use.

**Obligated to date: \$45,336,010**

**Continued Spending Planning efforts are ongoing. Provider Town Hall meetings began November 2021, will continue quarterly:**

- Phase 1 distributed approximately \$4.5 million September 2021-December 2022
- Phase 2 distributed approximately \$16.5 million starting in January 2022-June 2022
- Phase 3 will distribute the remaining approximately \$23 million early 2023
- Administrative costs approximately \$1.5 million

**American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Supplemental Discretionary**

Date of Enactment: March 11, 2021

Alaska received award: June 7, 2021

Amount: \$28,345,643 available until September 30, 2024.

**Guidance received:**

- ARP Act Discretionary Supplemental Funds: June 10, 2021

- Information Memorandum: June 11, 2021
- ARP Act reporting requirements are out for public comment and are not yet finalized states use.

**Obligated to date: \$298,000**

- Planning contract- Child Care Assistance Program improvements- \$98,000
- Child Care funds for Foster Families for June 2022-May 2023- \$200,000

**Agency plans for spending will be determined after the contract is awarded and information has been gathered to inform decision making on the following areas:**

- Increasing provider payments
- Expanding the child care assistance program to more families
- Establishing extended timeframes for families participating in the child care assistance program to address the “Cliff Effect”
- Increasing wages for early educators and family child care providers
- Building the supply of child care for underserved populations.

**American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Mandatory**

Date of Enactment: March 11, 2021

Alaska received award: 7/14/2021

Amount: \$1,300,015

**Guidance received:**

- Information Memorandum: July 30, 2021
- ARP Act Increased Mandatory and Matching Funds: August 10, 2021
- ARP Act reporting requirements are out for public comment and are not yet finalized states use.

**Spending:** This award is being added to our base CCDF award and will be ongoing and therefore is subject to meeting mandatory targets for infant/toddler care and quality. We are currently covering family co-pays for participating families in the Child Care Assistance Program.