

Alaska COVID-19 Relief Funds- timeline as of November 2021

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.

Spending to date: \$4,240,000

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

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 for PPE, cleaning supplies, development of policies and safety practices, etc.
- 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.

Spending to date: Phase 1 of stabilization grant implemented September 1, 2021, using \$5,000,000.

Continued Spending Planning efforts are ongoing. Provider engagement meetings start mid-November:

- Phase 2 plan is to distribute \$15 million starting in January 2022.
 - The majority of providers surveyed indicated they prefer to have more payments made over time instead of a single payment.
 - Spending all stabilization funds in phase 2 will not create the long term supports for providers or increase licensing and more providers to open and we will not have any funds to award to those providers.
- Phase 3 \$10 million starting in July 2022.
 - Additional awards will be made to existing child care providers, to make sure we are meeting the focus areas for compliance and better business practices.
 - Phase 3 will also allow for new providers to participate in future funding awards.
- Phase 4 \$5 million starting in October 2022
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 - Phase 3 will also allow for new providers to participate in future funding awards.

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.

Spending to date: Planning contract- Child Care Assistance Program improvements- \$100,000

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; and
- 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.