



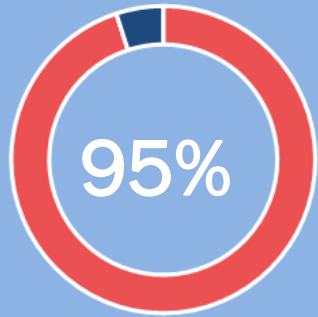
ARPA: CCDF + Stabilization Grants Update Rhode Island

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ARPA Stabilization Grants: Application + Distribution Data

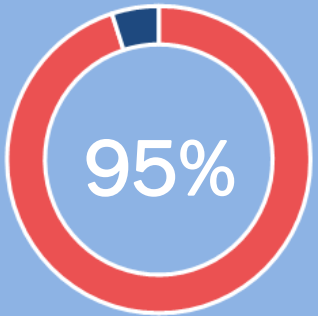
The application window ran from October 20, 2021, to February 18, 2022. Home-based providers receive 1 lump sum installment inclusive of 6 monthly grants; Child Care Centers receive 2 installments of 3 monthly grants each. Centers will continue to receive their second award, on a rolling basis until May 2022. This slide demonstrates application and distribution data, as of April 14, 2022.



of total eligible providers have applied for a grant

\$ 46.7M distributed to 765 providers

1,080 total TA touchpoints with applicants, providing technical assistance by email, phone, and office hours



of Center grant recipients have dedicated at least 10% to staff bonuses

96% of eligible centers have applied
93% of eligible FCCs have applied

All eligible providers received two rounds of direct outreach across the entire application window

ARPA CCDF Supplemental: Obligations

Budget Item	Total Funding Obligated	Objective
Child Care Assistance Program: Governor's Recommended Rate Increase	\$27.2M	Increase the rates paid to child care providers through the Child Care Assistance Program (CCAP) to move towards federally defined equal access to child care in Rhode Island. The new rates will ensure that the over 7,000 children who utilize CCAP will have increased access to high quality programs, and that programs have increased resources to invest in staff compensation and quality improvements. The rates are based on the 2021 Market Rate Survey and are for center-based care. This investment is projected from 1/1/22 to 6/30/24.
Child Care Assistance Program: Reimbursing based on enrollment not attendance	\$4.2M	Continue paying providers based on program enrollment rather than attendance. Retaining this policy provides a more equitable child care experience for all Rhode Island families and supports child care provider stability, encouraging this critical sector to remain operational.
Child Care Assistance Program: Capping co-pays at 7%	\$2.8M	Limit family co-pays to a maximum of 7% of gross income; previously, co-pays were as high as 14% of family income. Families with incomes up to 150% FPL pay no more than 5%.
BrightStars LearnERS and Quality Grants	\$0.8M	Fund additional scope with the existing quality vendor and Quality Rating and Improvement System (QRIS), BrightStars, to improve quality across programs. Specifically, this investment will implement the LearnERS program, a coaching framework that guides early learning programs towards continuous quality improvement through job-embedded professional development. Materials-based grants will also support programs seeking to make targeted purchases focused on program quality improvement.
Children's Mental Health	\$0.6M	Fund additional scope with existing quality vendor, Bradley Hospital/SUCCESS. Funds will expand and complement existing Early Childhood Mental Health Consultation Services to expand the model to Family Child Care programs and implement a Coordination of Care team to address provider, classroom and programmatic needs related to social-emotional learning.

