The Child Care Stabilization Grants are here! Use this grant money to make improvements to your program or help it recover from the COVID-19 public health emergency. These grants are an historic investment in the child care field. Take advantage of this unique opportunity and apply!

How can I use this grant money?

You have 8 options for spending your grant money. Use it to make a variety of physical and program updates or improvements, like:

- maintenance or minor changes to your physical space
- buying cleaning supplies or personal protective equipment
- paying late fees on business-related bills
- getting more play equipment
- providing staff training
- finding resources to support staff and children’s mental health

Do I need to pay back the grant money?

- No! This is a grant, not a loan, so you do NOT need to pay it back.

Do I have to provide receipts or documentation of how I spend the money?

- You don’t have to send in receipts or invoices, but you DO have to document how you spend your grant money.
- You must keep your receipts and documentation on file, in a folder or electronically, for at least five years.

Where do I go for the application?

- Stabilization Help Center website (online short videos describing all 8 options)
  ocfs.ny.gov/childcare-stabilization/

Where can I get more information and updates?

- Your local Child Care Resource and Referral Agency:
  ocfs.ny.gov/programs/childcare/referral-agencies.php
- Women’s Housing and Economic Development Corporation: whedco.org
- Your enrollment agency (EA)
- Your union representative