# Invest in NY: Child Care Deserts RFA Overview

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# Agenda

- RFA # 1: 2nd Round Pre-Awards

  - Eligibility Requirements

  - Available funding

  - Application Status

  - Application Timeline

- What you Need to Know

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# Grant Timeline

**January 28 2022:** Release RFA #1 for New Programs
**April 11 2022:** Application Portal Opened
**May 19 2022:** Application Portal Closed
**July 2022:** Pre-Awards Announced
**February 2022:** 2nd Round Pre-Awards Announced

Payments begin after licensure, vendor review and approval by OCFS

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# RFA #1: 2ⁿᵈ Round Pre-Awards

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# RFA #1: Eligibility (Section 3.1)

The following providers ARE Eligible:
- Interested parties opening a NEW child care site with a NEW OCFS or DOHMH licensed/permit number
- Applicants agreeing to terms of the award
- Providers who are in the process of applying or receive a license after the date of the RFA issuance (January 28, 2022)

# RFA #1: Eligibility (Section 3.1)

**The following providers are NOT eligible to apply under this RFA:**

- Existing programs with a license/registration/permit.
- Programs or providers that held a license within the year preceding the issue date of this RFA or are current license holders and are changing locations but not, in fact, expanding their licensed capacity.
- Programs that do not meet requirements for licensure.
- Sites that receive 100% of their funding from public sources such as Head Start/Early Head Start or publicly-funded Pre-K programs are not eligible.

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# RFA # 1: 2nd Round Pre-Award

- Approximately $45 million in funds are available to fund approximately 193 programs across the state in 2nd round pre-approvals
  - Of the 193 programs approximately 106 are already licensed/registered/permitted
- Email notifications will be sent out to providers that are pre-approved for the 2nd round of funding.
  - If the program does not receive an email that means their status remained the same and they did not get pre-approved for the 2nd round of funding

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# RFA # 1: Application Status

- Review of Application Status

  - Denied

  - Not Approved- Funding Not Available

  - Pre-approved (Pre-Awarded)

  - Approved (Awarded)

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# RFA # 1: Application Status

Application Denied

- Reasons for Application Denied
  - Child Care Application moved to withdrawn or denied
  - Program did not meet minimum eligibility requirements
  - Email Notification
    - Dear [Applicant], Your application [[APPLICATION_NUMBER]] for the Child Care Desert grant was determined to not meet the minimum eligibility criteria for the grant and was therefore denied. Thank you for your interest in the Child Care Desert grant opportunity.

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# RFA # 1: Application Status

Not Approved- Funding not available

- Application is approved but there were not enough funds for this program

- This program was already informed in the 1st Pre-Approval round that they are in this status. They will not receive any additional notifications

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# RFA # 1: Application Status

Application Pre-Approved (Pre-award)

- The applicant can continue with the licensing process

- Email notification

  - Dear [Applicant], The NYS Office of Children and Family Services is pleased to inform you that your application [[APPLICATION_NUMBER]] for the Child Care Desert grant has been pre-approved pending final approval. Final award amounts are dependent on OCFS or NYC license or permitted status. You are required to submit all documents necessary for licensure within 60 days of this notice. You also have 120 days from this letter to complete the licensure process. When you have completed licensure, you will receive a final approval with award details. Please note, if information used to determine grant eligibility (including site address) changes between this notice and final licensure, your continued eligibility will be reviewed. Congratulations on this new endeavor, we are eager to partner with you in creating safe and quality care for the children and families of New York.

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# RFA # 1: Application Status

Application Approved (Awarded)

- Applicants will receive this notification once they have been licensed and completed all other internal reviews

    - Vendor Review and SFS Account Creation

    - Email Notification

    - Dear [Applicant], The NYS Office of Children and Family Services is pleased to inform you that your application [[APPLICATION_NUMBER]] for the Child Care Desert grant is approved.  Based on the information submitted and your programs licensure/ registration/ permit your award amount is [total award over whole term]. As long as you submitted your W-9 information and have a valid SFS ID, your first payment [amount of first disbursement] will be processed on the date of this award notification. You will receive [#of payments] more quarterly  payments of [amount of quarterly payment] for the duration of the grant. Please note, this amount can be reduced based on contract performance of ongoing deliverables. For more information please review the RFA. We are pleased to partner with you on this mission of creating safe and quality care for the children and families of New York. Congratulations to you on this endeavor.

# RFA #1: Pre-Award What You Need to Know

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# RFA # 1- What You Need To Know

How will you be notified of the application status?

- The Supply and Workforce unit will send a weekly updated spreadsheet to the RO Desert Designee/s that will have updates status of all applications
- You can check the applicant's status in CCFS2

# RFA # 1- What You Need To Know

What is the next step once the program is Pre-Approved (Pre-Awarded)?

- The program has 60 days to be in "Application Received" from the date the pre-approved letter was issued

- The program has 120 days to be licensed from the date the pre-approval letter was issued

- Once the program is licensed, they will receive notification they have been Awarded

  - The date they receive their award letter is the date their quarter begins

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# RFA # 1- What You Need To Know

What can impact the programs eligibility once they receive the pre-approved status?

- The program does not meet "threshold" and their application is not in "Application received" by 60 days
- The program application is withdrawn or denied
- SFS Vendor ID
- The program changes their address
- Status in CCAT and CCFS2 will impact grant eligibility

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# Questions?

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