

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

1. Where can I find guidance for the Application for Child Care Stabilization Sub-Grants and Reconciliation?

Please visit www.occrra.org for guidance and resource documents.

2. What is the CFDA number assigned by the federal government for the Stabilization Grant Funds?

The CFDA number for these funds is 93.575. Programs may need this number if they have organization audit requirements.

3. What Child Care Stabilization Sub-Grants are available to my program?

Certain grants are available by program type. Please see the Phase 1 chart below.

Program Type	Operating/New Pandemic Costs	Workforce Recruitment & Retention	Access Development: Expanding classroom / age groups	Access Development: Technology Access	Access Development: School Age Support
Centers	X	X	X	X	X
FCC Type A	X	X	X	X	X
FCC Type B	X	X	X	X	X
Approved Day Camps	X	X	X		X
In-Home Aides	X				X
ODE (PFCC)	X	X			

Certain grants are available by program type. Please see the Phase 2 chart below.

Program Type	Operating / New Pandemic Costs	Workforce Recruitment & Retention	Access Development: Expanding classroom / age groups	Access Development: Technology Access	Access Development: School Age Support	Mental Health Workforce and Family Supports
Centers	X	X	X	X	X	X
FCC Type A	X	X	X	X	X	

FCC Type B	X	X	X	X	X	
Approved Day Camps	X	X	X		X	
In-Home Aides	X				X	
ODE (PFCC)	X	X				X

4. Are all ODE licensed programs eligible for this funding?

Only those ODE licensed programs who have a provider agreement to provide publicly funded child care are eligible for these funds.

5. What are the time periods when expenses need to occur for these funds?

The following describes the expense period for Phase 1 by sub-grant.

Sub-grants	Expense Period
Operating / New Pandemic Costs Sub-Grant	January 31, 2020 – June 30, 2022
Workforce Recruitment & Retention Sub-Grant	December 1, 2021 – June 30, 2022
Access Development Sub-Grant	December 1, 2021 – June 30, 2022

The following describes the expense period for Phase 2 by sub-grant.

Sub-grants	Expense Period
Operating / New Pandemic Costs Sub-Grant	July 1, 2021 – June 30, 2022
Workforce Recruitment & Retention Sub-Grant	February 1, 2022 – June 30, 2022
Access Development Sub-Grant	February 1, 2022 – June 30, 2022

6. I am not able to see the application in my program’s OPR Organization Dashboard but believe my program is eligible?

Programs that meet the eligibility requirements are able to see the application from the Organization Dashboard. Programs must be open as of the application in order to access the application. If your program was recently licensed, please contact OCCRRA to add the application to your program’s Organization Dashboard.

7. How do I apply for the Child Care Stabilization Sub-Grants?

The application(s) are located on the Organization Dashboard of the Ohio Professional Registry. The application deadline for Phase 1 and Phase 2 of this grant is 11:59 pm on May 31, 2022. There is one application for all three sub-grants for Phase 1 and one application for all four sub-grants in Phase 2. You will only be able to see the sub-grants for which your program is eligible.

8. Who is able to access our program’s Sub-Grant Applications and Payment Portal for completion?

Those with OPR Organization Dashboard access are able to access the Sub-Grants Application and Payment Portal in the OPR Organization Dashboard. The person who completes the application should have application information and banking account information to complete the process.

9. My Program’s License Capacity is not correct in my application for my current capacity, what should I do?

For Phase 1, the License Capacity listed in the application is as of November 28, 2021 in OCLQS. For Phase 2, the License Capacity listed in the application is as of January 28, 2022 in OCLQS.

10. Does our program need to provide reconciliation information?

Yes, all programs receiving this funding need to provide reconciliation information. A portion of programs (20%) will need to complete a desk review process. Programs will be notified if they are selected for a desk review. Please retain your receipts, paid invoices and documentation. If you program submits more than one application in a phase, there will be one reconciliation for all funds. Reconciliations for this funding needs to be completed before your programs can access additional funds for any new Child Care Manual Procedure Letters (CCMPLs).

11. How do I complete the Payment Portal?

The Payment Portal is a required step to complete the application and generate a grant payment. The payment portal only needs to be completed by a program one time. If you have completed with Phase 1, your program does not need to complete for future phases if information remains the same. For your program’s security you are not able to view the information entered but the system will allow you to see a last edited date.

12. How long will it take to approve my grant application and receive the money?

Payments will be made approximately 4-6 weeks after an application has been approved. Application and payment status may be viewed on the program’s OPR Organization Dashboard.

13. How much can I receive with these funds?

Maximum Funding Amounts are by Program Type. You will be asked to enter a Requested Amount in the application. The requested amount should not exceed the Maximum Funding Amount and should be the amount your program will be able to spend in the expense period. You are able to enter an amount less than the Maximum Funding Amount. You are also able to waive a grant type by entering \$0 in that section.

In Phase 1, maximum funding amounts are set by sub-grant. However, in Phase 2, it is a lump sum that the program can determine the allocation among the sub-grants.

14. I waived a portion of the funding, but I changed my mind, how do I edit my application?

If the status of the application is approved or unable to verify, a new application will be required. Programs can open a new application and follow the same instructions as the initial application. We encourage programs to submit for all of the funding they believe they can spend during the

expense period not to exceed the Maximum Funding Amount in their first application. Programs may submit an additional application for additional funding up to the Maximum Funding Amount until the application due date of May 31, 2022. Programs will be required to complete reconciliation activities for all the funds received.

15. I did not request the Maximum Funding Amount. How do I request additional funds for a sub-grant?

If the status of the application is approved or unable to verify, a new application will be required. We encourage programs to submit for all of the funding they believe they can spend during the expense period not to exceed the Maximum Funding Amount in their first application. Programs may submit an additional application for additional funding up to the Maximum Funding Amount until the application due date of May 31, 2022. Programs will be required to complete reconciliation activities for all the funds received.

16. Do I need to return funds that I request and am not able to spend on allowable items during the expense period?

Yes, programs are required to repay all unspent funds. OCCRRA will work with programs to determine if any other allowable expenses in the expense period can be added. Please verify this information with OCCRRA before sending the repayment.

17. Can gift cards be used as a payment method?

No, gift cards for any purpose under these grants are not allowed.

18. What if I do not apply for this funding cycle by the May 31, 2022 deadline?

If a program fails to submit all of the components required for a complete application which includes the application and payment portal by the grant application deadline, they will receive a status of “unable to verify” and not be considered for the grant. Due to the number of requests received during a grant cycle, no exceptions will be made for incomplete grant applications.

19. What are the allowable items for each Sub-Grant?

Please refer to the Stabilization Grant Application Guidance Document for information about allowable and non-allowable expenses. Details of what is allowable is listed under each activity within the sub-grant.

20. If I am found ineligible, can I reapply?

Yes, you may reapply when you are eligible within the application window through May 31, 2022.

21. If my program is determined eligible, but then my license is in the revocation process, is my program still eligible?

Your program is no longer eligible because your program is no longer in good standing when in the revocation process.

22. If my program issued hiring incentives or bonuses, and the employee did not fulfill the written agreement that is a part of the program’s hiring bonus and retention policy requiring continued employment, do I need to recoup the funds?

This is a program's business decision. If the program chooses to recoup the funds, they need to use the returned funds for the intended purpose reported on your application.

23. Can I use the funds to purchase a new program?

No, purchasing a new program is not allowable with these funds.

24. Are these grants taxable?

Taxability of these funds is determined by the Internal Revenue Service. OCCRRA is required to provide programs with a Form 1099 based on how questions are answered on the electronic W-9 form provided. If your program is an S Corp, C Corp or Other then a Form 1099 would not be issued.

25. How does my program participate in Therapeutic Child Care or the Mental Health Bridge?

Therapeutic Child Care and the Mental Health Bridge are new pilot programs for child care centers. To participate in the Therapeutic Child Care pilot, your program has to be working with a mental health agency selected by the Ohio Children's Alliance (OCA). Those programs have already been selected and notified by OCA. To participate in the Mental Health Bridge pilot, centers must be willing to establish a HIPPA compliant space at their center. Expenses to complete this project are allowable with these funds.

26. What is the difference between minor and major renovations?

Major renovations are not allowable. 45 CFR 98.2 defines "major renovation" to mean "(1) structural changes to the foundation, roof, floor, exterior or load-bearing walls of a facility, or the extension of a facility to increase its floor area; or (2) extensive alteration of a facility such as to significantly change its function and purpose, even if such renovation does not include any structural change." In other words, funds may be spent on renovations such as painting, carpeting, and other activities that neither add to the permanent value of the property nor significantly alter the function or purpose of the facility.

27. What do I do in the reconciliation if I did not spend funds on an activity I selected in the application?

All activities selected in your program's application will appear in the reconciliation. If funds were not spent on an activity, enter a \$0 for that activity and proceed with submission. If you have activities that you need to add to your reconciliation, please reach out to support@occrra.org with your license number. OCCRRA will send your application and reconciliation back with an Additional Action status to add an activity(ies). The application will need to be edited and re-approved before the changes can be completed in the reconciliation. Programs will not be able to revise total dollar amounts as payments may have already been received.

28. Who do I contact about Stabilization Grant application and reconciliation questions?

Please contact OCCRRA at support@occrra.org or 1-877-547-6978.