



Remote Learning Grant Opportunity and Resources for Licensed Child Care Providers

Informational Webinar
September 29, 2020



GENERAL OVERVIEW

- **All in for Kansas Kids Quality Subgrants**
- **Remote Learning Grants**
- **Child Care Health Consultant Network and Facility Grants**

**Resources and
Opportunities**



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ALL IN FOR KANSAS KIDS - QUALITY SUBGRANTS

➤ Funding Goals:

- Support locally-driven ideas and approaches to solve challenges related to **access, availability, and quality of child care, including workforce supports.**
 - Support locally-driven ideas and approaches to **engage broad community partnerships, including to support transitions to Kindergarten.**
 - Identify shared learning opportunities and scale what works to all Kansas communities.
- Funding cannot be used for construction or other physical infrastructure upgrades or to fund 'slots' due to sustainability challenges.

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ALL IN FOR KANSAS KIDS - QUALITY SUBGRANTS

- Funding will come from the Children's Cabinet (KSDE as fiscal agent).
- \$1,700,000 available across 5 subgrant areas in PDG-R Year One.
 - Each subgrant area will have a max award amount.
 - Kindergarten Readiness subgrants will be awarded to new grantees each year.
 - All other subgrants will go through a brief renewal process that aligns with the PDG-Renewal Grant timeline.
- We will fund as many quality applications as possible.
- We will work cooperatively and collaboratively with grantees throughout the grant year to understand what is working and where there are challenges.

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ALL IN FOR KANSAS KIDS - QUALITY SUBGRANTS

➤ Subgrant Areas:

- Subgrants for Child Care Access (Target Populations):
 - \$550,000; single award cap of \$100,000
- Subgrants for Rural Child Care:
 - \$400,000; single award cap of \$100,000
- Subgrants to Connect Families to Services:
 - \$375,000; single award cap of \$75,000
- EXCEPTION: Subgrants for Kindergarten Readiness:
 - \$250,000; 10 awards will be made each year totaling \$25,000
- Subgrants to Improve Quality of Care:
 - \$125,000; single award cap of \$25,000

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ALL IN FOR KANSAS KIDS - QUALITY SUBGRANTS

- **Licensed Child Care Connections** - Child Care Access, Rural Child Care, and Improve Quality of Care
 - CANNOT be used for COVID-19 related relief, capital improvements, or subsidized care
 - CAN be used for specialized training or materials
 - CAN be used for workforce incentives or outreach/family engagement
 - CAN be used to support community connections
- Application Guidance Offers Example Strategies
- Website, Online Application, and Technical Assistance

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ALL IN FOR KANSAS KIDS - QUALITY SUBGRANTS

- September 16th -- Application Guidance & Online Application Release
- September 17th -- Application and Support Webinars (12:00 & 7:00 pm)
- September 17th -- October 16th -- Technical Assistance Available
- **October 19th -- Applications Due (by 11:59 p.m.)**
- Initial Grant Year -- November 1, 2020 – April 29, 2021

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REMOTE LEARNING GRANTS

➤ General Overview of Kansas' CARES Act relief:

- Federal Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES or CRF)
- Support State, Local, and Tribal governments navigate the impact of COVID-19.
 - Phase 1 – Support to Kansas Counties (relief decisions made at local levels)
 - Phase 2 – State Agency-led Initiatives (Commerce, KDHE, etc. – statewide relief)
 - **Phase 3** – Focus on Public Health, Essential Needs & Services, Business Resiliency and Workforce Supports
- **Business Resiliency & workforce support** – ensure Kansas families can balance remote learning & school day safety of their children with employment obligations

CARES Act Funding



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WHY REMOTE LEARNING SUPPORT?

➤ Options for Parents

- To re-enter or continue to participate in the workforce, parents rely on other trusted adults to help supervise and teach their school-age children.
- Parents face choices about either providing financially for their family or ensuring unanticipated needs of their school-age children are met when schools are in the hybrid/remote learning modes

➤ Resources for School-Age Care Providers

- Providers need extra support to provide safe spaces and internet access for Kansas children to learn when schools are in hybrid/remote learning modes.
- Public health/safety measures result in monetary costs and operational challenges.

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REMOTE LEARNING GRANTS

➤ Funding Goals:

- Address the urgent need to give families options when schools are in hybrid/remote learning modes.
- Ensure school-age children are in safe, secure settings during the school day.
- Ensure school-age children can access the internet to attend school
- Provide learning supports for school-age children when schools are in hybrid/remote learning modes.

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REMOTE LEARNING GRANTS

➤ Funding Logistics

- \$40 million approved for this program
- Single grant awards with weekly fulfillment payments issued based on budgeted personnel and operational needs, and enrollment figures.
- Budget requests can be retroactive for 2020-2021 school year if program is already operating and serving schools in hybrid/remote learning modes

➤ Timeline

- Wednesday, September 30th – Application OPENS with a rolling deadline
- December 30, 2020 – All funds must be spent

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➤ Eligibility – School Age, School Day Programs

- KDHE-licensed early care and youth programs/facilities serving school-age children during the school day.
- Local programs with demonstrated experience and success developing and delivering quality, safe, out-of-home care and education services/programs for school-age children, such as YMCAs, Boys and Girls Clubs, Parks and Recreation, 21st CCLCs, and faith-based organizations.
- Other community programs may be considered that demonstrate the capacity and ability to establish or expand programs for school-age children.

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➤ Eligibility – Demonstrated Need and Partnerships

- Serve school-age children (during the school day) in grades K – 6th when their schools are in remote/hybrid learning modes.
- Partner with your area school districts to understand the local need (learning environment changes, ages of kids and days of the week for hybrid situations, technology supports available).
- Identify partners in your community for a coordinated approach to either establish or expand quality, safe services/programs/facilities for school-age children.

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REMOTE LEARNING GRANTS

➤ Considerations

- Address the needs of families who have limited options for meeting their child's remote learning needs along with their own personal employment obligations.
- Ensure services to families with limited or no ability to pay.
- Navigate potential staffing fluctuations as learning environments change.
- Provide plan for assisting school-age children in grades K – 6th connect via internet with their regular classes and complete their coursework during the school day.

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ALL IN FOR KANSAS KIDS - QUALITY SUBGRANTS

➤ **Licensed Child Care Connections**

- CANNOT be used if you are ONLY serving children Birth – 5; this is NOT for child care services.
- CANNOT be used if you are NOT meeting the remote learning needs of students in grades K-6th grade enrolled in school but currently in remote or hybrid learning environments during the school day.
- CAN be used for personnel, overhead and administrative costs, and supplies

➤ Website, Online Application, and Technical Assistance

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REMOTE LEARNING GRANTS – APPLICATION

- <https://allinforkansaskids.org>
- Online Application - SAME AS QUALITY SUBGRANTS
- Create Login/Password and a User Profile
- **Select “CARES Act Applications” and “Remote Learning Grant”**
- Save and Stop anytime
- Technical Assistance is Available

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REMOTE LEARNING GRANTS - KEY DATES

- September 29th – Remote Learning Grant and Child Care Resource Webinar
- **September 30th – Application Opens**
- October 1st – Technical Assistance Opens
- **Rolling Deadline for Applications**
- December 30th – ALL funds must be spent

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Child Care Health Consultation Pathway

- Child Care Facility updates CCAKS program Profile.
- Child Care Facility Completes Self-Assessment and schedules consultation appointment with Child Care Health Consultant. – Call: 855-750-3343 or Email cchc@ks.childcareaware.org
- Child Care Health Consultant provides coaching support using the completed Self-Assessment and provides guidance on the grant application process.
- Child Care Facility completes Grant Application.
- Child Care Health Consultant reviews Grant Application.
- Child Care Health Consultant makes recommendation for approval of Grant Application.
- CCAKS, KDHE & Office of Recovery coordinate final Grant awards.
- Child Care Facility spends grant funds by DECEMBER 30, 2020 submits receipts and maintains them on file for 5 years.

Technical Assistance: Access and Availability

How do I set up a coaching visit with a Child Care Health Consultant?

- To schedule a coaching consultation, call or send an email to CCAKS.
 - Call: 855-750-3343
 - Email: cchc@ks.childcareaware.org

Virtual or onsite technical assistance available.

Am I required to meet with a Child Care Health Consultant before I complete the grant application?

- Yes, Child Care Health Consultants are required to provide a consultation before the grant application is submitted

Child Care Health Consultant Network Website:

- <https://ks.childcareaware.org/child-care-health-consultant-network/>

Who is Eligible to Apply?



Who is eligible to participate in Child Care Health Consultant Network?

Child care programs must be licensed by and in good standing with the Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE).

FAQ

What expenses and materials can be paid for with the Child Care Health Network grant?

- The Child Care Health Network Grant will relieve expenses of additional protective measures put in place to ensure child care providers can meet the demands of new guidelines defining a healthy and safe environment for all children in their care.
- Some examples of the protective measures include higher costs for additional staffing, the cost of operating for additional hours or increased use of personal protective equipment, to include cleaning equipment and supplies.

My self-assessment is complete, now what?

- Now that your self-assessment is complete contact Child Care Aware of Kansas to set up a consultation appointment with a Child Care Health Consultant. The Child Care Health Consultant will be available to assist in the completion of the grant application. Once your grant application has been submitted, we anticipate that the grant review process will take 2-3 weeks for finalization.

Timeline

What is the timeline for the Child Care Health Consultant Network?

- September 15: Grant Application and Facility Self-Assessment released for facility planning purposes
- September 28: Grant Application goes live (consultation must be completed prior to applying)
- September 30- November 3 Complete applications reviewed and grant payments made to child care facilities (continuing, rolling basis)
- November 3: Grant Application deadline (11:59 pm online submission or postmarked by date). Mailed applications must be received at CCAKS no later than November 6 to be considered.
- November 17: Final Grant payments made to child care facilities
- December 30: All funds must be spent by child care facilities/grantees



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