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CHILDREN & FAMILIES



Getting Back to Work— Offering Supports that Enable Job Attachment and Growth




Collaboration to Meet the Needs of Working Families



Improving the economic well-being of low-income families



Improving the quality of child care

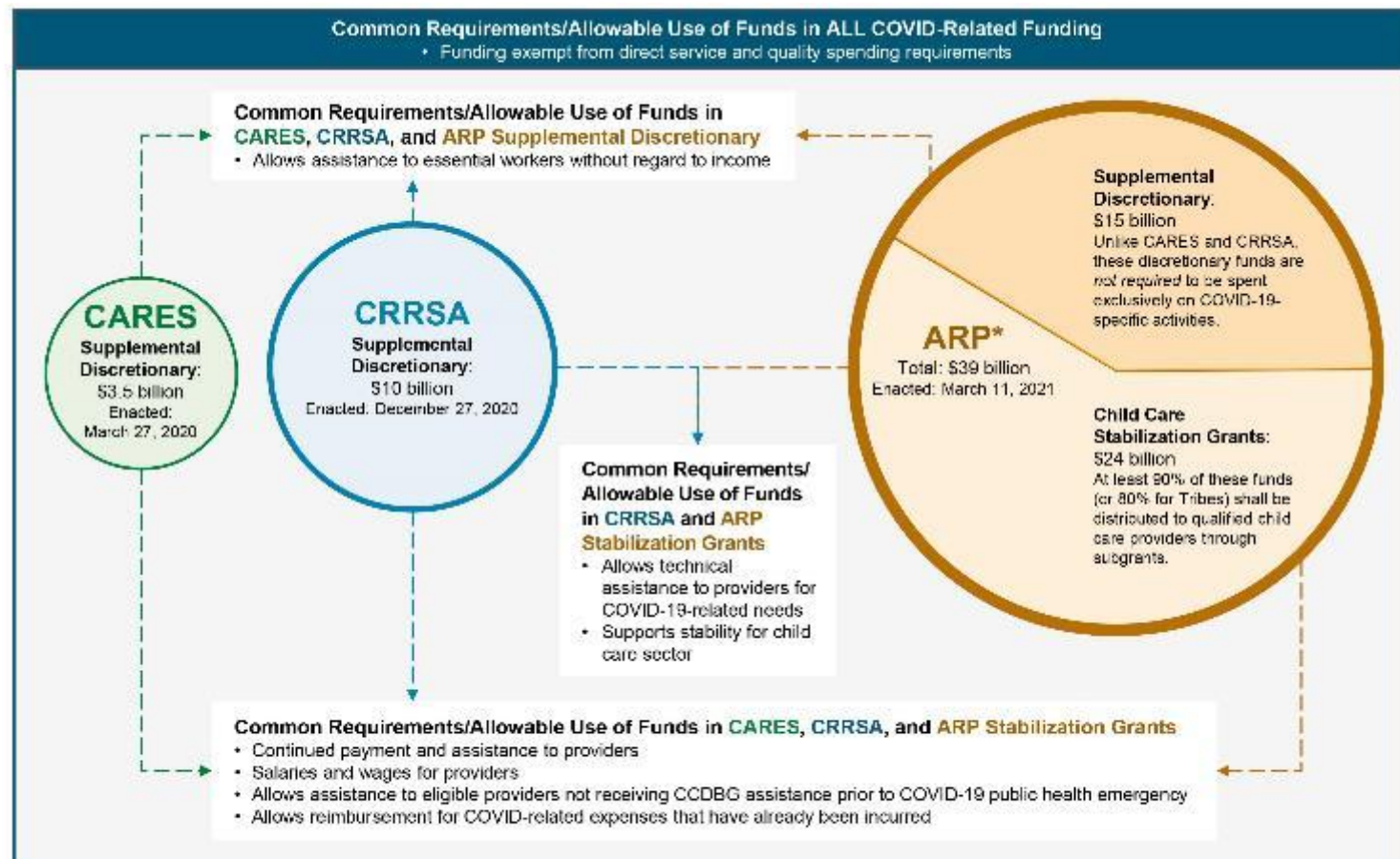


Providing access to child care so that parents can work and/or attend school or other training



Helping families achieve long-term financial independence

Understanding Multiple COVID-19 Funding Requirements



*The American Rescue Plan Act also included \$3.55 billion in mandatory and matching CCDBG funds, an increase of \$633 million over FY 2020 appropriations. This is a permanent increase to an existing funding stream and did not include new program requirements.

Expanding Access to Child Care Assistance

Families Struggling to Afford Child Care or Facing Job Interruptions of Income Loss:

- Waive or reduce parent copayments.
- Broaden the definition of qualifying activities.
- Increase the income eligibility threshold.
- Update policies to reflect modern labor force conditions.

Child Care Assistance for Essential Workers:

- Provide childcare assistance to workers deemed essential during the public health emergency regardless of income.
- Not limited to during the public health emergency but Lead Agencies should prioritize essential workers with incomes below 85% SMI.
- Does not waive the 12-month minimum eligibility limit or family asset limit for essential workers.

Data Systems to Support Equitable Access

- Modernizing and maintaining data systems allowable use of funds and does not count against administrative cap.
- Consider upgrades and improvements to provide more transparent and updated information to parents.
- Data upgrades and analysis to inform policies and determine if resources are being distributed equitably for families and providers.
- Strongly encouraged to upgrade with the objective of engaging providers and families in real-time.

ARP Supplemental Discretionary

- Supplemental funds are an **unprecedented** opportunity to expand access to high-quality child care and move toward a more equitable child care system.
- Can be used on *any* allowable CCDF activities/expenditures
- **Exemptions:** 9% quality and 3% infant/toddler quality improvement spending requirements, 70% direct services requirement

Spending Considerations:

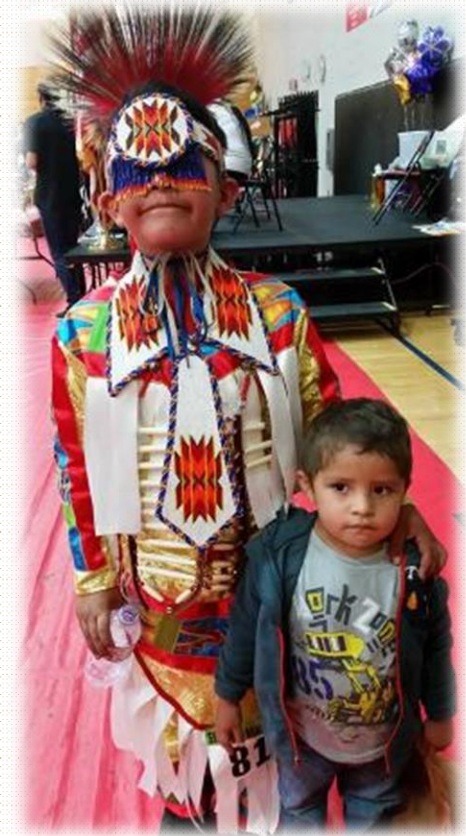
- Addressing inequities in child care
- Expanding access to high-quality child care
- Increasing access to financial assistance for families
- Expanding outreach to families on child care assistance
- Supporting vaccination information
- Build supply of child care for underserved populations
- Increase provider payments
- Increase wages for child care workers including increased access to health insurance and other benefits



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Innovative Practice: Integrating Services to Support Self-Sufficiency

- Anchor services, material supports and resources in a 'protective factor' framework that is multi-generational
- Understand an individual's priorities, needs and strengths from a whole family context
- Integrate service delivery across programs to mobilize timely access to opportunities
- Monitor and track mutual data about services delivered and outcomes to respond to changing needs over time and ensure fidelity to collaborative processes



New Technical Assistance Resources

Tribal FAQs Tribally Operated Centers

The American Rescue Plan (ARP) Act Child Care Stabilization Grants funding was enacted to provide resources for states, territories, and Tribes to issue stabilization grants to child care providers, including Tribally operated centers. This tip sheet provides a summary of the most frequently asked questions from Tribal Lead Agencies regarding using the ARP Act stabilization funding for Tribally operated centers. For more information, reach out to your Office of Child Care Regional Program Specialist and refer to the following [Information Memorandum CCDF-ACF-IM-2021-02](#).

More information for Tribes who offer CCDF services under a P.L. 102-477 consolidated plan can be found here: [OCC ARP Act Funding Guidance Dear Colleagues Letter for 477 Tribes](#)

What are the allowable uses for Tribally Operated Centers?

- Personnel costs (including staff wages), benefits, premium pay, and recruitment and retention to respond to COVID-19
- Rent or mortgage payments, utilities, and facilities maintenance and improvements
- Personal protective equipment, cleaning and sanitization supplies, and services, or training and professional development related to health and safety practices
- Purchases of or updates to equipment and supplies to respond to COVID-19
- Goods and services necessary to maintain or resume child care services
- Mental health supports for children and employees

Examples of Implementation Ideas:

- Adopt an early childhood assessment tool or curriculum; provide training.
- Send staff to child care conferences for ongoing professional development.
- Provide transportation services.
- Offer financial support for staff pursuing higher degrees.
- Hiring cleaning companies or janitors for deep cleaning services.
- Upgrade the facility with new flooring, furniture, kitchenware, outdoor fencing, or playground updates.

Will I need to create an application for my Tribally Operated Center?

An application is not needed; however, the Tribal Lead Agency must ensure that funds are being used for allowable activities and that through the subgrant period the Tribally operated center meets the three certification requirements.

How can Tribally Operated Centers use funds to support cultural and language revitalization?

Tribal Lead Agencies can support Tribal culture or language preservation camps or activities through their Tribally operated centers. Tribal culture or language preservation camps would need to meet the Tribal Lead Agency's CCDF health and safety standards, training, and monitoring requirements. Additional ideas are:

- Collaborate with the cultural and language departments for training or assistance with making the child care center more inclusive of the Tribal culture.
- Support outdoor learning with educational gardening.
- Land-based cultural programming (outdoor cultural play, learning, and healing environment for children).
- Contract with language speakers to teach language to children.
- Contract with elders for storytelling.
- Cultural support for mental health. Providing indigenous holistic approaches from your community to support mental health.

For more information, see: [Stabilizing Child Care and COVID-19 FAQs](#) and [COVID-19 Relief Funding At-A-Glance for Tribal Lead Agencies](#)

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Tribal FAQs Subgrants for Providers

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Which providers are eligible to receive stabilization subgrants from Tribal Lead Agencies?

Stabilization subgrants are designed to stabilize existing child care businesses. Child care providers are considered eligible and qualified to receive ARP Act stabilization grants if they are within the Tribal Lead Agency's service area, serve at least one Indian child per the Tribal Lead Agency's definition of Indian child at the time of application submission, and meet the following criteria:

Provider Eligibility Criteria			
Eligible providers can include: Center-based, family child care, in-home, and relative providers, as long as they meet the eligibility criteria described in the OCC guidance to become a qualified provider.			
There are two ways to qualify as a provider to receive a subgrant:			
Provider Type One:	Provider meets CCDF requirements, including health and safety requirements, AND	Provider is licensed, regulated, or registered, AND	Provider is open to provide child care services or is temporarily closed due to COVID-19 on the date of application submission.
Provider Type Two:	Provider was either licensed, regulated, or registered by March 11, 2021, AND	Provider meets applicable Tribal, state, or local health and safety standards, AND	Provider is open to provide child care services or temporarily closed due to COVID-19 on the date of application submission.

What are the allowable uses of stabilization subgrants by providers?

The ARP Act child care stabilization grants can be used for the following:

- Personnel costs, benefits, premium pay, and recruitment and retention
- Rent or mortgage payments, utilities, and facilities maintenance and improvements
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Tribal FAQs Administrative Set-Aside

The American Rescue Plan (ARP) Act Child Care Stabilization Grants funding was enacted to provide resources for states, territories, and Tribes to issue stabilization grants to child care providers. This tip sheet provides a summary of the most frequently asked questions from Tribal Lead Agencies regarding using the administrative set-aside portion of the ARP Act stabilization funding. For more information, reach out to your Office of Child Care Regional Program Specialist and see: [Information Memorandum CCDF-ACF-IM-2021-02](#).

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How much of their ARP Act Child Care Stabilization Grants funds can Tribal Lead Agencies use for the Administrative set-aside?

Tribal Lead Agencies can use up to 20% of stabilization funds for the administrative set-aside. However, this 20% cap does not apply to the \$30,000 base amount.

How do Tribal Lead Agencies calculate the 20% administrative set-aside amounts?

To calculate:

Administrative Set-Aside Cap = 0.2 multiplied by (ARP Act Child Care Stabilization Total minus ARP Act Child Care Stabilization Base)

Note: Calculation above is a projection for planning purposes. Administrative set aside amount is based on actual amount expended. For more information, see page 12 of the [Fiscal Guide](#). See the [Grant Year 2021 CCDF Final Tribal Allocations](#) table for funding amounts at a glance.

What are the allowable uses of the administrative set-aside funds?

Tribal Lead Agencies may spend their administrative set-aside on:

- Administering subgrants, including staffing, information technology (IT) and data systems
 - Activities to increase the supply of child care
 - Providing technical assistance and support for applying for and accessing the subgrant opportunity
 - Publicizing the availability of subgrants
 - Providing technical assistance to help child care providers implement policies
- Tribal Lead Agencies may NOT use administrative set-aside funds to cover:
- Family copayments or tuition
 - Direct child care services, such as issuing a subsidy payment or paying for a child care slot
 - The funding of home visiting programs

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<https://www.acf.hhs.gov/occ/contact-information/office-child-care-regional-program-managers>

❑ Access all CCDF ARP Act training and technical assistance resources on the Tribal Child Care Capacity Building Center's website:
<https://childcareta.acf.hhs.gov/centers/tribal-child-care-capacity-building-center>



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