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Child Care Development Block Grant (CCDBG) Funding Announcement Infant Expansion Quality Initiative Grant

The New Jersey Department of Human Services, Division of Family (DHS/DFD), is making grants available to support programs participating in the state's Child Care Subsidy Program to comply with the Child Care Development Block Grant (CCDBG) Reauthorization Act requirements. One of these grants include a specific emphasis on increasing licensed child care centers' capacity to serve infants.

The Infant Expansion Quality Initiative Grant is designed to increase access to high quality infant child care programs in underserved areas (high demand for infant care). The grant will provide a monthly rate of \$100* ***above the base subsidy rate*** per infant enrolled, beginning December 2018, for a one-year period of service. There are two types of Infant Expansion Quality Grants available – Infant Expansion and New Infant Slots.

Eligibility Criteria

Infant Expansion: Licensed child care centers that are committed to quality care (enrolled, but not rated, or enrolling in Grow NJ Kids) who are interested in increasing or expanding their infant capacity in underserved communities of high demand for infant care.

New Infant Slots: Licensed child care centers that are committed to quality care (enrolled, but not rated, or enrolling in Grow NJ Kids) who are not currently serving infants of families who are receiving a subsidy but are interested in doing so.

To be considered for this grant, programs must serve families receiving a subsidy, or commit to accepting infants receiving subsidy, if applying for the infant expansion grant. Grants are based on available funds and released by priority.

General Requirements

- All grants are subject to the requirements of the CCDBG and Child Care Development Fund (CCDF) Program.
- These grants are available to eligible programs (meeting health and safety requirements) participating or interested in serving families and children in the NJ Child Care Subsidy Program and have not had a serious injury or death occur due to a substantiated health or safety violation as of March 2018.
- Programs interested in applying for any of the grants below must submit an application with the required documents.
- All grants are subject to an application review process and may require a site visit.

These funds are limited, therefore applications will not be accepted beyond November 2019 or when all the funds have been spent, whichever comes first. All programs must commit to immediately participate and achieve a three (3) star or higher quality rating status through the Grow NJ Kids program.

**The additional \$100 monthly rate per new infant is intended as a bridge until the center becomes fully rated by Grow NJ Kids and is eligible for new enhanced rates under the Grow NJ Kids program.*

Email completed application to: dfd.childcare@dhs.state.nj.us

Infant Expansion Quality Initiative Grant Application

There are two types of Infant Expansion Quality Grants available – Infant Expansion and New Infant Slots. Both are aimed at increasing families’ access to quality programs and building capacity in access to infant child care.

Completion of this grant application and submission of the required information will allow the Department of Human Services (DHS), Division of Family Development (DFD) to assess and determine the appropriate assistance. To apply for either of the grants, I understand that I must enroll in Grow NJ Kids.

I am applying for:

- Infant Expansion:** I am interested in expanding or increasing the number of infant slots at my center.
- New Infant Slots:** I do not currently serve infants of families who are receiving a subsidy, but I am interested in doing so.

PROGRAM INFORMATION

Child Care Center Name: _____ County: _____
Address: _____
City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
Phone: _____ Email: _____
FEIN/SSN #: _____ EPICC #: _____
License #: _____ Current Infant License Capacity: _____
I am currently enrolled in Grow NJ Kids: Yes No

CERTIFICATION OF CHILD CARE PROGRAM

By checking his box, I certify that I am a **licensed child care center**.

CURRENT PROGRAM STATISTICS: Classrooms, Enrollment and Capacity

Please check all that apply and complete information below each program type:

	<input type="checkbox"/> Infants	<input type="checkbox"/> Toddlers	<input type="checkbox"/> Preschoolers	<input type="checkbox"/> School-Aged
# of Children Enrolled				
# of Classrooms				

Total number of proposed **new or additional** infant slots: _____

STATEMENT OF NEED

Provide a brief description of your plans to increase either your infant slots or your capacity to start enrolling infants who are receiving a subsidy. Please include a statement of need for infant care in your community.

Explain below if minor repairs or services are required – including the need to purchase additional materials, supplies or equipment.

BUDGET/ESTIMATED COSTS

If supplies, materials, equipment, etc., are needed to increase infant capacity, please itemize below:

Budget Categories/Items	Location	Quantity	Description	Estimated Cost
<i>additional cribs</i>	<i>Infant room</i>	<i>5</i>	<i>cribs with bedding</i>	<i>\$2,000</i>

Total Estimated Cost: _____