



Financial Assistance Resources for Early Learning Programs



In this difficult time of uncertainty during the COVID-19 crisis, many early learning programs have been temporarily forced to close and will need financial assistance to reopen. We realize that locating funds may be challenging. The Source for Learning has compiled a list of funding resources, including grant opportunities, that may be of support to programs while seeking financial assistance. Please note, some funding opportunities may be state or region specific.

Federal Assistance

Emergency Financial Assistance

The federal government has offered Emergency Financial Assistance to individuals and businesses affected by COVID-19. This can include disaster unemployment assistance, paid emergency leave, government compensated food programs, special home loans for disaster victims, and disaster tax relief.

FEMA's Public Assistance Programs

Individual Disaster Assistance

FEMA's Public Assistance Program can provide financial support to facilities following a Major Disaster Declaration. An eligible facility is one that provides educational, utility, emergency, medical, or custodial care, including for the aged or disabled, and other essential social-type services to the general public.



Private Assistance

The Caplan Foundation for Early Childhood

The Caplan Foundation for Early Childhood Education has grant opportunities for projects aimed at improving the lives of children on a national level. It provides grants in the areas of childcare welfare, early childhood education and play and parent education. The Foundation funds applications that have measurable outcomes, consists of methods of documenting and assessing results, gives financial accounts of the funds allocated, and contains detailed budget information.

Candid.org

For a combined 88 years, Foundation Center and GuideStar have provided support to individuals and small businesses. In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, they have collaborated to form Candid.org with the purpose of providing information about funding opportunities available to support individuals and businesses during this uncertain time. This includes the names of funders, the types of grants distributed, and the current recipients of the grants.



State Assistance Initiatives

Community Foundation – Public Awareness Initiative

The Community Foundation-Public Awareness Initiative was created to provide relief funds to support local nonprofits during the COVID -19 pandemic. More than 200 U.S. community foundations in 49 states and the District of Columbia, have participated in this effort by partnering with local governments and health organizations to help support them during this time.

Additional Resources

Federal Resources for Early Childhood Education

With states implementing stay-at-home orders, childcare is a central concern for many working parents, especially in essential industries, and the U.S. Chamber of Commerce Foundation is committed to helping the childcare industry weather this storm. This webinar, hosted by the Chamber Foundation, is intended to provide more information for childcare businesses struggling to stay afloat. During the webinar, the moderator and guest speakers will discuss COVID-19's impact on the childcare industry, the federal legislative response, resources available to small businesses, recommendations on how childcare providers can leverage loan programs, and more.



National Association for the Education of Young Children

This article provides answers to Frequently Asked Questions regarding Small Business Association Loans. Additional links to helpful resources relating to the Paycheck Protection Program are also provided.

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The COVID-19 Crisis webinar focuses on understanding and navigating through SBA loan options.