



We are pleased to announce two new grant opportunities bundled in a single application.

Child Care Retention Payments are for eligible staff members working at DCYF-licensed child care programs located in King County. These grants will be distributed by the child care program to all eligible staff via the program’s payroll system.

Seattle Stabilization Grants are for DCYF-licensed child care programs located within the City of Seattle. These flexible-spending grants will be used to support stabilization of the child care industry. Approved uses include mental health supports for children and child care employees, cleaning and sanitizing supplies, co-payments or tuition waivers for enrolled families, and/or the program’s payroll costs (salary or benefits).

Seattle’s Department of Education & Early Learning (DEEL) and King County Best Starts for Kids are partnering to release \$7.4 million in funding to support the child care workforce in Seattle and King as recovery from the COVID- 19 pandemic continues.

DEEL is expanding child care stabilization efforts that began in 2020 with \$2.4 million in additional funding from the JumpStart Payroll Expense Tax, and combining efforts with King County, who has \$5 million in funding from the Best Starts for Kids Levy for a one-time child care workforce compensation. Child Care Resources will distribute payments to the child care community on behalf of DEEL and King County.

Come and learn more at one of the virtual information sessions hosted by Child Care Resources (CCR). **All sessions will be via Zoom, 6:30-8:00pm.**

DATE/TIME	LANGUAGE	ZOOM LINK
Thurs, June 9, 6:30-8 PM	English	https://childcare.zoom.us/j/89179418095
Mon, June 13, 6:30-8 PM	Spanish	https://childcare.zoom.us/j/87012473719
Tues, June 14, 6:30-8 PM	Somali	https://childcare.zoom.us/j/85261037024

We anticipate that applications for this program will open Monday, June 13, 2022. The application will be available in English, Spanish, Somali, Amharic, Simplified Chinese, and Vietnamese. Access to the application will be posted on DEEL’s website and shared with providers via an email announcement sent out by CCR. FAQ (frequently asked questions) documents with additional details will be posted at the time the application opens. **The application period will close Monday, June 27th at 11:59 p.m.**

If you have questions, please reach out to grants@childcare.org. We look forward to sharing additional details in the virtual information sessions and with the links to the live application.