



The Child Care Stabilization Grants are here! Use this grant money to make improvements to your program or help it recover from the COVID-19 public health emergency.

These grants are an historic investment in the child care field. Take advantage of this unique opportunity and apply!

Option: Facility Maintenance and Improvements

Use grant money from this option to pay for things like:

- Minor renovations, including outdoor learning spaces and minor improvements to address COVID-19 concerns
 - ✓ Building or upgrading playgrounds
 - ✓ Renovating bathrooms
 - ✓ Installing ramps, railings, etc., for accessibility
 - ✓ Removing non-load bearing walls to create more space for social distancing
- ✓ Replacing carpet with linoleum or another easily cleaned surface
- ✓ Installing touch-free faucets or light switches
- Please note that grant money from this option **CANNOT** be used for construction or major renovations/remodeling (structural changes to foundations and loadbearing walls, extensive alterations of a facility, etc.)

Don't forget to document!

- You don't have to send in receipts or invoices, but you **DO** have to document how you spend your grant money.
- You must keep your receipts and documentation on file, in a folder or electronically, for at least five years.

Where do I go for the application, more information, and updates?

- Stabilization Help Center website (online application/videos describing all 8 options): ocfs.ny.gov/childcare-stabilization/
- Your local Child Care Resource and Referral Agency: ocfs.ny.gov/programs/childcare/referral-agencies.php
- Women's Housing and Economic Development Corporation: whedco.org
- Your enrollment agency (EA)
- Your union representative