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ARPA Stabilization Subgrants

The Muscogee Nation Office of Child Care is offering Grants through the ARPA Stabilization Grant Funds available to Child Care Providers within the Muscogee Nation Reservation

Eligible types of child care programs for the ARPA Child Care Stabilization Grants are:

- Licensed Family Child Care Homes
- Licensed Child Care Centers
- Licensed Tribal Child Care Facilities
- Licensed School Age Program

To receive these funds, an eligible program must have been licensed by March 11, 2021 and must currently be operating and serving children at the time of Grant application submission.

Qualifications for the ARPA Stabilization Grant:

- Be license prior to March 11, 2021
- Be in good standing
- Be open and operating at time of application and payment
- Complete all required fields in the application

Applying

Does Eligible provider meet one of the following:

Provider was licensed regulated or registered as of March 11, 2021 and meet state and tribal health and safety requirements, who were operating and serving children at the time of application submission,

The provider is licensed, regulated or registered and meets Child Care Development Fund health and safety requirements as of the date of application.

Certified Provider will do the following for the duration of the subgrant:

The provider will implement policies in line with the guidance and orders from the Muscogee Nation authorities and to the greatest extent possible, implement policies in line with guidance from the Center of Disease Control and prevention.

For each employee (including lead teachers, aides, staff that are employed by the child care provider to work in transportation or food preparation and any other staff that the provider employs). The provider must pay at least the same amount in weekly wages and maintain the same benefits (such as health insurance and retirement, if applicable) for the duration of the subgrant. Child Care Providers may not involuntary furlough employees from the date of application submission through the duration of the subgrant period.

The provider will provide relief from co-payments and tuition payments for the families enrolled in the provider's program, to the extent possible, and prioritize such relief for families struggling to make either type of payment.

USE OF SUBGRANT FUNDS:

Qualified providers must spend subgrant funds on a least one of the following expenses.

Personnel Cost

Rent, Utilities, Facilities Maintenance, and Insurance

Personnel protective equipment, cleaning, and other health and safety practices

Equipment and Supplies

Goods and services

Mental Health Services for Child Care Provider Staff and Children

Minor renovations (check with the Muscogee Nation Office of Child Care)

Providers may choose to use funds to reimburse themselves for expenses incurred after the declaration of the public health emergency on January 2020. These expenses must be for the list of allowable uses of subgrant funds.

Must submit estimated operating expenses.

The Provider is responsible for maintaining records and documentation on how the funds were used, as well as how they meet the requirements for implementing policies on Corona Virus Pandemic 2019.

Provider agrees to provide a report, and to be monitored by the Muscogee Nation Office of Child Care.

Complete online application, request paper application call 918-732-7657 or email.

Once your application has been submitted you will receive an Email or Mailed confirmation.

The Application Periods will be:

April 1, 2022 to April 30, 2022

June 1, 2022 to June 30, 2022

The Grant Period will be:

May 1, 2022 to May 30, 2023

July 1, 2022 to August 30, 2023

Funding will be based on licenses capacity, staff, and operating expenses.

Applications will not be processed until after application period closes.

Child Care Providers will need to reapply every period.

Child Care Provider will be required to submit a report after each Grant period.

If you have any questions or need assistance contact the Muscogee Nation Office of Child Care at 918-732-7657.

Appendix: list of Allowable Uses for the Stabilization Subgrants