



Family Child Care Investment Program RFI Info-Session

November 29, 2023

Info Session Agenda

- Review general details regarding Request For Information (RFI)
- Review RFI Submission and Timeline Details
- Overview of the FCC Investment Program
- Funding Source
- Live survey on ideas for fund use

Family Child Care Request for Response (RFI)

- RFI solicitation posted on COMMBUYS seeks formal responses from partners who have experience working directly with family child care educators, family child care programs or systems.
- These info-sessions will focus on getting your feedback on potential ideas for fund use.
- The info-session does not include information around applications for funding.

Submission and Timeline

Submission Method:

- FCC Submission Form via [COMMBUYS](#)

Important Dates:

- RFI Posted: November 9, 2023
- Info Sessions: November 29, 2023 (11:00 AM and 6:30 PM)
- Questions Deadline: December 8, 2023
- Response Deadline: December 15, 2023 (3:00 PM)

FCC Investment Program

The purpose of the Family Child Care Investment Program is to expand early education and care capacity statewide through the maintenance and expansion of Family Child Care Homes.

- Barriers faced by Family Child Care (FCC) educators
- Recommended strategies for capital grant fund use
- Training and technical assistance needed
- Needs and barriers of FCC educators
- Landscape of local initiatives

Funding

On August 9th, Governor Healey signed the state's fiscal year 2024 (FY24) budget into law, a \$56.2 billion spending plan that supports the Commonwealth's communities, families, businesses, and workers. The state's FY24 budget allocates nearly \$1.5 billion for the Department of Early Education and Care. This budget also includes significant funding from the Fair Share Amendment that was passed by voters in 2022. These investments for early education and care include \$15 million for capital grant improvements to expand capacity and safety improvements in programs.

We anticipate \$7.5 million will be available to support the Family Child Care Investment program.

Ideas for Fund Use

- **Support Needed by FCCs to Sustain and Expand Capacity**
 - Not enough support available for long-term assistance
 - Assistance with starting up FCC and obtaining EEC license
 - Assistance with business practice management norms
- **Loan Offerings to Support Home Ownership**
 - Limited information
 - Lack of clarity on greatest impact
 - Long-term sustainability
 - Eligibility guidelines
- **Physical Site Improvements**
 - Large number of small projects
 - Access to contractors to support work
 - Eligibility guidelines

Support Needed by FCCs to Sustain and Expand Capacity

- What are the most pressing needs for FCC's?
 - Business training
 - Access to capital
 - Supports around licensure
- What types of supports are currently available?
 - Online information
 - Licensing assistance from EEC Licensors
 - FCC system support
- How should we consider prioritizing supports to best sustain and expand capacity statewide?

Loan Offerings to Support Home Ownership

- Where should funding be focused for home ownership support?
 - Deposits
 - Down payments
 - Mortgage Repayment
 - Closing Costs
- Who are potential partners EEC should work with to support FCC's?
 - Application preparation
 - Loan Education
 - Translation
- What training, technical assistance or other support is needed for FCCs?
 - Access to helpdesk
 - Regular check ins
- What are the short and long-terms supports needed for program fidelity?

Physical Site Improvements

- What should be included as part of eligible fund use?
 - Security improvements
 - Enrollment software
 - Physical installation
 - Air conditioning
- What should the range of funding be for FCC projects? (dollars per site)
- What are the short and long terms administrative and training supports needed to maintain program fidelity?
 - Access to helpdesk
 - Regular check-ins with support staff
- Who are potential partners EEC should work with to support FCC's?

Thank You & Q&A

Contact: Further inquiries can be submitted via [COMMBUYS](#)

Next Steps: Submit a response using the submission form.

Q&A