

Frequently Asked Questions

December 2023 Stabilization Payment

Stabilization payments were made for eligible child-care providers in nine payments from November of 2021 through September of 2023 and were funded by the federal government through the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA). These funds were specifically allocated for childcare providers to sustain their childcare business while building back the economy and to provide services for families and children.

Governor Beshear recently announced an additional \$50 million investment to support child care providers across the Commonwealth. The Division of Child Care (DCC) will use these funds to issue another stabilization payment in December 2023.

Eligibility

How do I know if I am eligible for this additional payment?

The following criteria is required to be eligible for the additional payment:

- Child care programs must be open and serving children as of **January 1, 2023**.
- Child care programs must operate in the Commonwealth of Kentucky.
- Child care programs must be a participant in the Kentucky All-STARS program and have the ability to accept children enrolled in Kentucky's Child Care Assistance Program (CCAP)

If I am closed in the summer months or have part-time hours, is my program eligible?

- Yes, hours of operation and/or number of months open during the year are not factors in determining eligibility.

Application Process

How do I apply?

- A link to the application will be e-mailed to all eligible providers in October 2023; the application will be open for 30 days.
- Please update your email address with KICCS at CCAPProviderPayments@ky.gov to ensure the application is emailed to the correct contact person.

How do I know what my grant amount will be?

- For certified and licensed providers, payment will be based on capacity as of June 30, 2023. Payments will be approximately \$310 per child.
- For registered providers, payment will be based on CCAP enrollment at the time of the award.
- Half-day child care programs (open less than 25 hours per week) will receive funding that is pro-rated at 50% of the allotment for full-day child care programs.

Data Sheets

Will I have to submit a monthly data sheet as I did with the federal ARPA payments?

- No, data sheets will not be required with this payment.

If I missed turning in a data sheet with the federal ARPA payments, will I still be eligible?

- Yes, data sheets from the ARPA payments will not impact this payment made with state funds.

Payment Process

How and when will I receive my payment?

- Payments will be sent either via direct-deposit or with paper checks. You will receive your payment via the method you have designated in your CCAP or ALL-STARS account.
- Payments will be made by **December 31, 2023**.

How do I update my bank account information?

- If you need to change your bank account information, please reach out to DCBS at CCAPProviderPayments@ky.gov

Grant Spending

Do I have to use the funds for specific types of costs?

- There are no requirements on how funds are to be used, or what type of costs are allowable. DCC encourages providers to use the funds to best support the sustainability of their business and workforce.

Is there a date when the funds have to be spent?

- No, there is no date when funds have to be spent.

Audit Process

Will this payment be audited similar to the federal ARPA payments?

- There is no audit requirement. However, the Commonwealth of Kentucky reserves the right to audit any provider in receipt of state funding. Please review the application for all requirements.

Miscellaneous

Are programs required to teach, or abstain from teaching, any specific curriculum to receive grant funds?

- No, there are no curriculum requirements to receive grant funds.