



Scott County COVID-19 Business Recovery Program FAQs for Childcare Providers

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What can the funds be used for?

Grant funds shall be used for payroll, provider income, claimed work space, supplies and other expenses directly related to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Can the funds be used to replace lost revenue?

No. Lost revenue can be used to demonstrate economic hardship related to COVID-19, but lost revenue cannot be claimed as a reimbursable expense for the federal CARES Act funding.

Can the funds be used to purchase equipment?

No. Grant funds shall be used for working capital expenses that occur in the regular course of business, such as claimed work space, supplies, and other expenses directly related to the COVID-19 pandemic. The purchase of equipment is not regarded as a working capital expense.

Can the funds be used to pay back taxes including property taxes?

No.

I am self-employed, and I'm receiving unemployment benefits through the Pandemic Unemployment Assistance Program. If I receive a grant from this program, how will that affect my unemployment benefits?

Please refer to Unemployment Insurance rules and procedures for how to report a grant as income when you request your weekly benefit.

Under any circumstances will I have to pay the grant back?

This is a grant - not a loan - and you will not be required to pay it back. However, the county reserves the right to audit the use of funds and may conduct an audit check on a random selection of grant recipients. Grant recipients who are found to have violated the terms of the application process or grant agreement may be required to refund the county.

Is the amount of the grant taxable to the recipient childcare provider?

Please consult your accountant, lawyer, or other tax advisor. Scott County, the Scott County CDA, and NextStage are unable to provide tax advice.

If I am selected, what kind of documents will I have to sign to get this grant money?

You will have to sign a grant agreement document certifying you are eligible to receive this grant and that the grant will be used for eligible uses only.

What documentation will I be asked to provide?

If you have been selected for an award, you will be asked by the award administrator for documentation that verifies you are eligible to receive a grant. Some examples of documentation you may be asked to provide include – but are not limited to – the following: 2019 Business Tax Return - Schedule C and Schedule SE if applicable, bank statements showing changed income from January-March and then March-June, attendance records - if available, monthly reports from their business accounting software that shows changes from January-March and then March-June.

I received forgivable loans, grants, and/or Pandemic Unemployment Assistance (PUA) between March 1 and May 31, 2020. Do I count these as revenue for this program? What if these funds were sufficient to make up for any revenue losses I experienced during this time period?

Generally, yes, you should count the proceeds of forgivable loans, PUA benefits, or grants as revenue. If this revenue was sufficient that your business did not experience additional revenue loss year-over-year between March 1 and May 31, 2019 vs. 2020, then you may not be eligible for this program.

Are providers who closed their doors at some point in time due to the COVID-19 pandemic eligible to apply?

Yes. Childcare providers play a key role in our economy, offering a critical service in our community, and the Scott County Board of Commissioners wants all providers to be successful and continue operations moving forward. This program is available to all in-home licensed family childcare providers in good standing in Scott County.

What if I am a licensed in-home family childcare provider in Scott County and I didn't receive the application link?

The email with the application link will be coming from NextStage, the Program Administrator. If you don't receive the link when applications open on August 19, please check your spam/junk filters to see if the email with link may have gone in there. If you are still unable to find it, please contact Stacy Crakes at scrakes@scottfss.org with your first name, last name, and provider license number to request the link.