

Whatcom ReStart Child Care Grants Q & A

1. Q: How do child care providers find their UBI number?

A: The UBI number is located in the top right corner of their business license. If they do not have a business license, providers can learn more here: <https://dor.wa.gov/open-business/business-licensing-and-renewals-faqs>

2. Q: Would child care providers have to count this as income?

A: Yes, providers will receive a W9 tax form and will need to report the grant as income. Use of the dollars for business expenses should help offset the income, but each tax situation is different. If you have a tax advisor, consider a consult.

3. Q: Are school districts or unlicensed day camp programs eligible?

A: Only WA State DCYF licensed child care providers are eligible to apply for the Child Care Grants. However, funding might be available through the Whatcom Restart [business assistance grants](#) for license-exempt providers.

4. Q: Can the grant be used to help meet child care licensing requirements, e.g. fencing etc.?

A: Funding is for child care providers who are already licensed and serving at least 1 child by July 31, 2020. The primary purpose of these dollars are to plan for, prevent and recover from the COVID pandemic.

5. Q: The form asks for 2019 gross income and net income. If the provider was not in ownership of the current operations in 2019, how should I answer?

A: List the previous owner's data, if available, as a comparison to now, or simply add a note that ownership is new. It is most important to maintain consistency throughout the application for whether previous ownership information is included. This would apply to the 2019 data ask and any months in 2020 that the provider did not control the business.

6. Q: Are providers eligible if they received the COVID-19 Grant?

A: Yes.

7. Q: Do providers need a separate bank account for their businesses?

A: No, but it is recommended as preferred business practices for purposes.

8. Q: Are providers eligible if they do not have proof of paying themselves?

A: This would require a more in-depth conversation. Consider calling the information phone number listed in the application materials.

9. Q: Are providers eligible if they do not have a loss?

A: Yes, in that the dollars are aimed at planning for, preventing and recovering from the COVID pandemic. If you have or anticipate expenses toward these purposes before October 31, 2019, you could submit. Also, if you used reserves or other resources to avoid a loss, you could document those for possible coverage. Many factors will be used to assess applicants in this competitive process.