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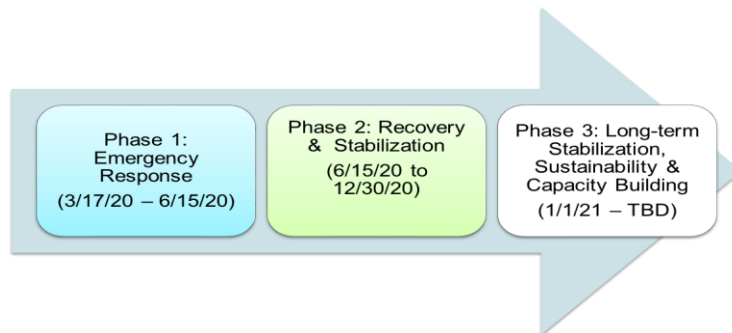
New Hampshire Child Care COVID Funding
September 30, 2023

Funding Status

To date, the State of New Hampshire has received \$142,343,708 in federal COVID-related relief dollars to assist the child care industry. Of these funds received, \$113,794,348 has been issued to-date by the Department of Health and Human Services directly to providers, as outlined on the attached overview. In September of 2022, the Department also issued an additional \$5,168,215 in FFY2022 Child Care Discretionary Funds (CCDF) to providers, bringing the **total amount to-date issued to child care providers to \$118,962,563**. In addition, \$5,250,000 will be available for providers to apply for as a result of their participation in a Business Health Assessment designed to strengthen their programs. Once distributed, this will equate to a total of \$124,162,563 of COVID-related federal funding distributed child care providers in New Hampshire.

Summary

New Hampshire has had a three-phased approach to supporting childcare for children, families, providers, and the business community. As shown in the figure below, NH is now in Phase 3: Long-term Stabilization, Sustainability and Capacity Building.



The sources of pandemic related childcare funds are as follows:

OVERALL COVID-Related Child Care Funding Total from all sources \$142,343,708	Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act (through Governor’s Office of Economic Relief & Recovery (GOFERR))	Child Care Development Block Grant Funds (CCDFX) Supplemental Discretionary Funds	Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act (CRRSA)	American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Stabilization Funds	American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Discretionary Funds
Total	\$38,083,075	\$6,999,268	\$19,867,522	\$47,657,076	\$29,796,854
Enactment Date	March 27, 2020	April 20, 2020	December 27, 2020	March 11, 2021	March 11, 2021; supplement received June 2021
Utilization Date	By September 30, 2023	By September 30, 2023	By September 30, 2023	By September 30, 2023	By September 30, 2024

The final funding stream, Child Care ARPA Discretionary (ARPA-D) Funds, \$29,736,767 is targeted for overall capacity building for the child care system. The ARPA-D plan was developed with significant stakeholder engagement and is attached. To develop the plan, the Department, engaged with more than 400 individuals and organizations and in addition, conducted an online survey that received 430 responses from over 56 organizations, entities, and individuals. The purpose of these funds, as stated by the Office of Child Care within the Administration for Children and Families (ACF) is to assist Child Care Development Fund lead agencies (the Department) to:

- 1) Build a better child care system;
- 2) Help more families afford quality child care over the next three years; and
- 3) Meet their federal mandate under civil rights law to provide equal access to childcare programs, services and activities, including high quality programs.

New Hampshire is currently utilizing ARPA Discretionary funds to strengthen the childcare system in a sustainable manner; increase access to affordable, quality childcare for families; and strengthen the childcare workforce now and for the future by investing in evidence-based and promising practices and strategies designed for these purposes. The plan is focused on strengthening childcare for children, families, providers, and communities and covers the following areas:

- Strengthening the Workforce
- Partnerships with NH Businesses and Employers
- Child Care Supply Building
- Family Equitable Access to Affordable, Quality Child Care
- Quality Improvement
- Infrastructure Building
- Emerging Priorities and Needs

The Department continues to work with the provider community, our stakeholders and others as we move forward the strategies aimed to build a stronger child care system for New Hampshire families.