

### Phase IV: Additional Support Grants for Early Learning/Child Care Providers

Coalitions will receive additional funding to support private early learning/child care providers and contracted school district providers that were classified as operational/open on October 15, 2020 and are providing on-site early learning/child care services on the date of application, to assist them in remaining open during the COVID-19 crisis. Contracted school district providers operating the VPK Flex option are also considered to be eligible. Operational is defined as the provider status listed on the DCF database. **Providers may qualify for Phase IV grants, in addition to any grant awarded in Phases I – III.**

Private early learning/child care providers will receive additional funding based on their DCF capacity, when available, or EFS Mod Provider Profile capacity data if DCF capacity is not available, with a minimum amount based upon capacity. School district providers, whether public or charter, must have an active SR or VPK contract on the date of application in order to qualify and funds are based on the total distinct number of SR and/or VPK children served in FY 2019-20 as opposed to DCF capacity.

These funds should be paid to providers as soon as practicable (i.e., within 15 business days). Early learning/child care providers that contract with multiple coalitions will be paid by the coalition where the provider is physically located (“home” coalition). Duplicate grants will not be offered. Grant funding levels for providers meeting the eligibility criteria as indicated in Table 3:

**Table 3:**

Phase IV: Statewide Support Grants for Early Learning/Child Care Providers	
Capacity Range <sup>1</sup>	Base Grant Funding
1 - 12	\$ 500
13 - 20	\$ 1,000
21 - 74	\$ 1,750
75 -149	\$ 2,500
150+	\$ 3,250

<sup>1</sup>For the public school district providers, funds are based on the total distinct number of SR/VPK children served in FY 19-20 as opposed to DCF capacity.

### Private Early Learning/Child Care Providers

Early learning/child care providers must meet each of the following eligibility criteria for payment:

**ALL PROVIDERS:**

- Early learning/child care provider was operational/open on October 15, 2020 and are providing on-site early learning/child care services (consistent with local ordinances or restrictions, if applicable<sup>2</sup>) as of the date of application; and
- Early learning/child care provider does not receive Head Start CARES funding; and
- Early learning/child care provider completes the Phase IV grant application (Attachment 7), which includes plans and budget for expenditure of funds;