

Frequently Asked Questions

1. What are the key dates?

All providers will need to complete the Targeted Workforce Supports Survey by September 30, 2023.

The subgrant period for the Targeted Workforce Supports payment will begin October 1, 2023, or the date the program is licensed or the amendment is completed (whichever is later), through September 30, 2024.

2. When will payments be disbursed?

Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) will confirm start-up child care programs are licensed or the expanding child care programs have amended their license capacity. Once licensing or amendment has been confirmed, a payment will be issued to the recipient.

Note: Grant amounts will be determined based on the number of new child care slots the child care program has created with the Business and Child Care Partnership Grant.

3. How am I eligible for the Targeted Workforce Support payment?

All recipients of the Business and Child Care Partnership Grant are eligible to apply for the Targeted Workforce Supports payment.

4. How can I complete the Targeted Workforce Supports Survey?

All recipients will receive a link to the survey via email. The survey will need to be completed and submitted electronically by September 30, 2023.

5. What if I fail to submit the Targeted Workforce Supports Survey by the deadline?

If you do not complete the Targeted Workforce Supports Survey by September 30, 2023, you will not be eligible to receive the grant payment.

6. How am I allowed to use the funds?

Wages and benefits for child care program personnel, training, staff bonuses and expenses related to staff recruitment.

Please note: All Child Care programs are required to <u>maintain</u> receipts for all grant expenses for a period of 5 years. A random audit may be performed requiring a random selection of applicants to submit copies of receipts for eligible grant expenses. You will be contacted if you are selected for the audit and need to submit receipts and supporting documentation.

7. How can Family Child Care Home I programs use funds if they do not have full time staff?

Family Child Care Home I programs may use funds for their personal wages or benefits, substitute wages, or training costs.

8. Can I use these funds on expenses other than wages/benefits, training, staff bonuses and expenses related to staff recruitment?

No, the Targeted Workforce Supports payment must be used for wages and benefits for child care program personnel, training, staff bonuses and expenses related to staff recruitment.

9. Can I use these funds to reimburse myself/my business for past wages, benefits for personnel, training, staff bonuses and expenses?

No, eligible expenses can only be claimed during the subgrant period beginning October 1, 2023, or the date of license or completed amendment (whichever is later), through September 30, 2024.

10. What is the deadline for spending the Targeted Workforce Supports payment?

Targeted Workforce Supports funds must be spent by September 30, 2024.

11. Will I be able to apply for additional grants under this program in the future?

No, this is a one-time grant funding opportunity.

12. As a recipient of the Targeted Workforce Supports payment, how long is my obligation to remain open?

Programs that accept the Targeted Workforce Supports payment agree to stay licensed, opened, operational and actively caring for children for a minimum of 3 years from the issue date of the Target Workforce Supports payment.

13. I have read the FAQs in their entirety but I have additional questions regarding the Targeted Workforce Supports grant. What is the best way to get questions answered?

If upon reviewing the FAQs, you still have outstanding questions you may email DHHS at <u>dhhs.bccgrant@nebraska.gov</u> and include your name, phone number, and question.