

Community CARES

Coronavirus Relief Fund

The Department of Health & Human Services is pleased to announce three funding opportunities for charitable organizations and licensed providers



Frequently Asked Questions

Healthy Places Grant

What information do I need to provide to be considered?

Applicants must provide contact information along with their federal and state tax identification numbers, 501(c)(3) IRS determination letter, NE Secretary of State registration certificate, each as relevant to verify your eligibility. Eligible entities for the Healthy Places Grant are Nebraska licensed child care homes or centers, certain Nebraska license-exempt subsidy child care providers and Nebraska centers of worship, tax-exempt under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. See the application for requirements. Also, see end of this document for more information.

The AmpliFund portal requires me to name my application. What does this mean?

This is a required field in the application portal, though it is not essential information for your application. You may name your application anything you choose.

The AmpliFund portal requires me to request a specific amount of funding. Isn't the Healthy Places amount set by the state?

Yes, awards will be at least \$250. This is a required field in the application portal. Enter the amount based on applicant eligible type: \$250 for child care home; \$500 for child care center or center of worship.

Why do I need to agree to the Terms and Conditions and provide my bank information before being notified whether my application has been approved?

Acknowledging that you have read, understand, and agree to the grant requirements and conditions is a step in the approval process. Providing your bank information in the application will expedite the payment process if you are approved.

I expect there will be questions that cannot be answered in this FAQ. Can I call someone?

Yes, DHHS will accept verbal questions from interested persons during the application period by calling (833) 220-0018 7 am-7 pm CDT. Persons taking questions will answer your questions during the call, or in some cases may need to call you back. Please be prepared to leave your name and contact information.

If I accidentally omit providing information that is needed in the application, will someone let me know so I can add it?

No. The application process has been streamlined to reduce that possibility to the extent possible. The application has many required fields you must complete before moving to the next step.

Am I guaranteed money if approved?

Grant funds will be distributed on a first come, first served basis. Applying as early as possible in the application period (July 6-12) improves your chances.

What are the reporting requirements for these grants? Past experience is that it varies a lot between federal subawards.

To demonstrate accountability, reporting may be required if you receive financial assistance. Due to the small size of the Healthy Places awards, reporting will be minimal. DHHS expects to have the specific reporting requirements at the time of notification.

Our eligible center of worship is currently conducting virtual worship services. Can we still apply?

Yes, if you plan to return to the usual on-site services and other gatherings in the building by December 30, 2020.

I provide child care for some kids in the neighborhood. Can I apply for the PPE money for child care providers?

Only licensed child care providers and license-exempt subsidy providers (plus places of worship) are eligible for these funds. Licensed and license-exempt subsidy childcare providers have provider numbers from DHHS. If you don't have a provider number, you are not eligible to apply.

What is a license-exempt subsidy provider?

DHHS licenses thousands of child care providers. Providers who care for up to three children in their own homes are not required to be licensed. However, if these providers (caring for up to three children) receive a child care subsidy from the State of Nebraska, they are specifically "license-exempt." DHHS monitors them and verifies their ongoing eligibility to receive a child care subsidy.

Are all license-exempt subsidy providers eligible for the Healthy Places grant?

No. The grant is intended for people who welcome non-relative children to their home, and who need to take extra care and precautions to keep themselves, their families and the children safe. They bear the burden of providing PPE and cleaning supplies for their homes. Relative and "in-home" license-exempt subsidy providers are ineligible. The table below shows which providers are eligible.

TYPE OF PROVIDER <small>These are specific terms used and tracked by DHHS Division of Children & Family Services</small>	ELIGIBLE	INELIGIBLE
Licensed provider	X	
License-exempt subsidy provider	X	
License-exempt subsidy provider <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Relative provider (i.e., someone who only cares for relative children, as defined by DHHS) 		X
License-exempt subsidy provider <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • "In-home" provider (i.e., someone who goes into another person's home to provide child care) 		X