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Child Care Stabilization Grant (CCSG)

- **I have a foster child in my care. Does he count the same as a working Connections state subsidy child?**
Yes, a child through foster care will count as a subsidy child.
- **When did this grant open?**
This grant opened in October 2021.
- **I just opened a daycare 4/28/22. Am I eligible for either of these grants?**
According to your open date, you would be eligible for the Child Care Stabilization Grant that is being covered now.
- **Is it allowable to apply for both grants? Currently in the licensing process, but providing FFN care.**
FFN's are eligible only for the CCSG at this time.
- **Is this grant competitive?**
The CCSG is not competitive.
- **What is this grant for again?**
This is to help stabilize child care programs.
- **What are the dollar amount ranges?**
The amounts depend if you are licensed, FFN and how many children you are licensed for.
- **I've recently received my licensed this week and will have my two first subsidy children next Monday. Would I be able to apply?**
You should be eligible for the CCSG according to the time frame you are giving.
- **We are in the process of opening child care center at our current non-profit preschool. Will we be eligible for these grants?**
The CCSG closes the end of June. If you are licensed through DCYF and open before this time you should be able to apply.
- **What kind of bid if any do we need to submit?**
There is no bid needed for the CCSG.
- **When will this be available to apply?**
The CCSG that we are discussing now is open and available until the end of June.
- **In my dashboard it shows CCSG from 10/21 but nothing current.**
Have you already applied for the CCSG? It opened in October 2021 and is available until the end of June 2022. You may only apply one time.

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- **Where do we access the application?**
The application for CCSG is available in your WaCompass if you are licensed and if you are an FFN it is available here: <https://app.smartsheet.com/b/form/a1deee52b6704adb9a1064f1fbf009cd>
- **How do I file taxes with the Stabilization Grant? (do I have to declare the funds as income?)**
Correct, the Stabilization Grant is taxable income.
- **I don't show it available for me and I am a licensed center**
Have you already applied possibly?
- **Are all the grants going to be paid directly to the family child care business instead of to the person on the license? This is important for taxes as all the money is used in the business.** The grants will be paid out the same way Subsidy payments are made.
- **I logged into the compass portal and only see a stabilization grant for last year and then the complex funding.**
Correct, we were discussing the stabilization grant that opened last year and we are now discussing the complex needs fund that opened last week.
- **Can we use this grant for salaries?**
The CCSG has a work force amount that must be used for above and beyond normal payroll. The program amount may be used for payroll.

Complex Needs Grant

- **Does the child need to be a subsidized child?**
No, the child does not need to be a subsidized child. You just need to reach the eligibility requirements as following:
 - Initial eligibility for the spring 2022 grant will be limited to open licensed or certified child care providers who have served children receiving state subsidy through the Social Service Payment System (SSPS) at least one month between Sept. 1, 2021, and Feb. 28, 2022, and have claimed payment by March 31, 2022.
 - Providers must also have children currently enrolled in their care who have behavioral needs, developmental delays, disabilities, or other unique needs.



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- **What about if payment do not from SSPS, but from CCA King County?**
The payment must come through SSPS to be eligible.
- **When you say staffing. does this mean paying staff wages?**
This would include bringing on extra staff or more hours to assist with a child of complex needs.
- **Do we need to provide any documentation for the Complex Needs grant?**
You will need to fill out the application following the rubric. If you are meaning documentation of a diagnosed special need from a doctor, an IEP or 504 plan, NO documentation such as this is needed.
- **If we already applied for and received the Stabilization Grant last year, can we apply for it again this year?**
No, if you already applied for and received the grant, you are not eligible to apply for it again. One time only for the stabilization grant. You could be eligible for other grants.
- **I was under the impression that there was another stabilization grant being offered but that only applies if you didn't apply for it last year, correct? So, the only option is for the complex needs grant if you already received the stabilization grant from last year?**
Correct, Stabilization Grant is one time only. The Complex Needs is available now.
- **The "staffing" category - could you go into that? My understanding was that it is for an increase in staffing, above required ratios.**
The staffing category would include if you needed extra staff to care for a child/ren with a complex need. There is no reference to ratios in the manual.
- **What is considered "major renovation"? We would like to install a sidewalk to our playground and remove the woods chips and replace with spray foam to allow access to a child with cerebral palsy and a child that requires a walker.**
Major renovation would be anything that requires a permit for your city guidelines.
- **If I already filled out this application can I resubmit again?**
If you filled out an application and need to edit it, then you can reach out to dcyf.childcaregrants@dcyf.wa.gov.
- **Do I need to have a child diagnose with a delay to qualify for the complex grant?**
There is no diagnosis needed and documentation needed. This grant will go by what you state the child's complex need is.
- **If I received stabilization grants amount, I'm eligible to apply complex grant too?**
Yes, you may receive both grants if you qualify.

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- **I have received a stabilization grant in December 2021. I need to hire 3 more staff members, Not replacement staff BUT additional staff. Can I reapply for another stabilization grant?**
The Stabilization Grant is only available for one time.

- **What qualifies as a special need I have kids with ADD and ADHD, as well as kids who aren't diagnosed with any special needs but need more care than others because of behavioral issues?**

You do not need to have a diagnosis for the complex needs fund. If you have a child that needs extra behavior supports this would be eligible for the complex need. As long as you are eligible with the date requirements then you should apply.

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- **I plan on applying for the child care stabilization grant, I have two boys and one of them has a hard time learning. Could I apply for the Complex Needs grant too?**
This round is only open to licensed providers who have served a child on subsidy within that time frame that was listed. However, there will be two additional rounds of this funding next fiscal year. The state's fiscal year runs from July 1 to June 30 of every year. So, there will be two additional rounds. The short answer is not this round. The long answer is let's keep our eyes out for the additional rounds that roll out and see if those will include FFNs.
- **I was serving a Complex Needs child and had to let him go because the need was beyond my capacity. Can I apply for the grant even if I am not serving him currently?**
With this current round of funding, it is a requirement that you do have a child currently enrolled who has an extra need, so it would need to be that you do have someone currently in your program that you are needing to support.

Additional Resources

- Imagine U (mentoring program) is not for centers?**
Shared Services is available for centers. The Imagine U program is for Family Child Care.
- Since I was rejoined as attendee, I do not see contact info.**
To connect to a Technical Assistant at the Imagine Institute: 206 492-5249 or email CCSG@imaginewa.org.
- I also recently purchased a building for third location will there be any funding opportunities for expansion in desert areas?**
Not that I am aware of at this moment. I would check in your specific city or county as well.