

Early Childhood Equity Grant Application Deadline Extension Information

Overview

DCYF recently received some feedback about unintended impacts around the decision to have ECEAP contractors apply on behalf of all direct and subcontracted sites. This approach impacted the financial amounts that Licensed ECEAP and Early ECEAP facilities and ECEAP-only sites could receive. This additionally impacted the government to government responsibilities that DCYF is required to uphold with Tribal ECEAP subcontractor sites.

To that end, DCYF is extending the current equity grant timeline to allow ECEAP and Early ECEAP sites to apply on their own behalf.

The Early Childhood Equity Grant application deadline has been extended to **11:59pm on Sept. 16, 2022**.

What is Different?

Early Childhood Education and Assistance Program (ECEAP) and Early ECEAP sites can now apply.

- Licensed or certified ECEAP facilities: Apply through [WA Compass](#)
- ECEAP-only sites (Including Early ECEAP): Apply here: <https://app.smartsheet.com/b/form/b2c5665649ac4025b0d3569018ee8e29>

ECEAP/Early ECEAP-only sites must have a valid Statewide Vendor Payee (SWV) number in order to receive payment. Licensed ECEAP facilities will receive payment through the Social Service Payment System (SSPS).

Common Questions

Does this mean more funding is available?

No, DCYF still has the same amount of funding available for this grant.

Will the application change?

No, the language on the Early Childhood Equity Grant application will not change, and will still say that facilities that are both licensed and serving ECEAP slots may only apply through their



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ECEAP Contractor. **However, ECEAP sites and licensed ECEAP facilities are able to apply on their own.**

Where can I find more information?

For more information on the Child Care Stabilization Grant, please visit the [DCYF Early Childhood Equity Grant webpage](#).