



Financial Assistance Resources for Early Learning Programs



In this difficult time of uncertainty during the COVID-19 crisis, many early learning programs have been temporarily forced to close and will need financial assistance to reopen. We realize that finding funds may be challenging. The Source for Learning has compiled a list of funding resources, including grant opportunities, that may be of support to programs while seeking financial assistance.

Federal Assistance

Emergency Financial Assistance

The federal government has offered Emergency Financial Assistance to individuals and businesses affected by COVID-19. This can include disaster unemployment assistance, paid emergency leave, government compensated food programs, special home loans for disaster victims, and disaster tax relief.

FEMA's Public Assistance Programs

FEMA's Public Assistance Program can provide financial support to facilities following a Major Disaster Declaration. An eligible facility is one that provides educational, utility, emergency, medical, or custodial care, including for the aged or disabled, and other essential social-type services to the general public.

US Small Business Administration (SBA)

Get Local Assistance

The SBA's Economic Injury Disaster Loan Program (EIDL) provides small businesses with working capital loans of up to \$2 million that can provide vital economic support to small businesses to help overcome the temporary loss of revenue they are experiencing. The loan advance will provide economic relief to businesses that are currently experiencing a temporary loss of revenue. Funds will be made available within three days of a successful application, and this loan advance will not have to be repaid. Small business owners in all U.S. states, Washington D.C., and territories are eligible to apply for an EIDL in advance of up to \$10,000. The SBA Local Assistance Directory implements financial support, outreach efforts, and initiatives to small businesses.



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Private Assistance

[The Caplan Foundation for Early Childhood](#)

The Caplan Foundation for Early Childhood Education has grant opportunities for projects aimed at improving the lives of children on a national level. It provides grants in the areas of childcare welfare, early childhood education and play and parent education. The Foundation funds applications that have measurable outcomes, consists of methods of documenting and assessing results, gives financial accounts of the funds allocated, and contains detailed budget information.

[Candid.org](#)

For a combined 88 years, Foundation Center and GuideStar have provided support to individuals and small businesses. In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, they have collaborated to form Candid.org with the purpose of providing information about funding opportunities available to support individuals and businesses during this uncertain time. This includes the names of funders, the types of grants distributed, and the current recipients of the grants.

[Stimulus 2020](#)

Stimulus 2020 is a privately-funded stimulus program with the purpose of supporting America's local businesses. This program has created stimulus packages to help American businesses stay afloat during the COVID-19 pandemic. This includes an \$1000 (no interest, no fee, and flexible repayment terms) loan to local businesses.



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Amazon's Neighborhood Small Business Relief Fund

Amazon's Neighborhood Small Business Relief Fund was created with the purpose of funding small businesses to ensure that they can continue to operate and keep the community vibrant. Applicants can visit the Neighborhood Small Business Relief Fund to determine if they are eligible to receive funds on their behalf.

Facebook Small Business Grants Program

The Facebook Small Business Grants Program is offering \$100 million dollars in cash grants to 30,000 eligible small businesses in 30 countries throughout the world to help support them during the COVID-19 pandemic. Applications will be available in the coming weeks.

State Assistance Initiatives

Community Foundation – Public Awareness Initiative

The Community Foundation-Public Awareness Initiative was created to provide relief funds to support local nonprofits during the COVID -19 pandemic. More than 200 U.S. community foundations in 49 states and the District of Columbia, have participated in this effort by partnering with local governments and health organizations to help support them during this time.



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Additional Resources

Federal Resources for Early Childhood Education

With over 30 states implementing stay-at-home orders, childcare is a central concern for many working parents, especially in essential industries, and the U.S. Chamber of Commerce Foundation is committed to helping the childcare industry weather this storm. This webinar, hosted by the Chamber Foundation, is intended to provide more information for childcare businesses struggling to stay afloat. During the webinar, the moderator and guest speakers will discuss COVID-19's impact on the childcare industry, the federal legislative response, resources available to small businesses, recommendations on how childcare providers can leverage loan programs, and more.