

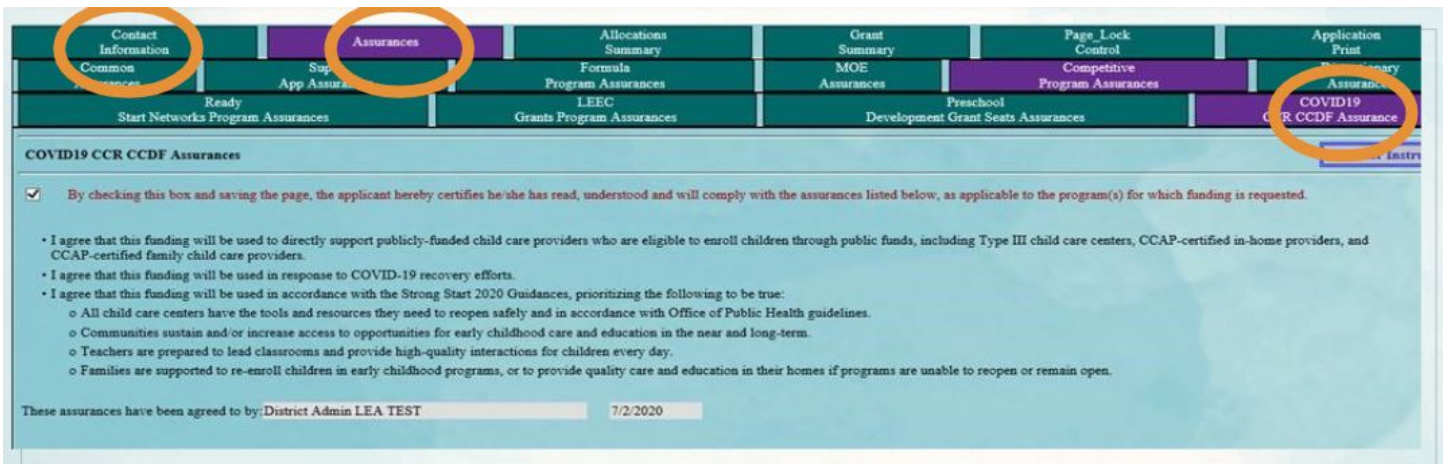
COVID-19 Community Child Care Recovery Grant Frequently Asked Questions

What is the COVID-19 Community Child Care Recovery Grant?

The COVID-19 Community Child Care Recovery Grant is a grant intended to support child care centers in remaining open or reopening after the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic. This is Federal funding, from the CARES Act, and all parishes with Type III child care centers were eligible for these funds. Lead agencies were given the opportunity to apply for this grant in mid-May. The application asked networks how their centers were impacted by COVID-19, what the most critical priorities were for their communities in re-opening, and how they intended to budget their requested funds.

Why am I not seeing the funds in eGMS?

In order to view allocated grant funds in eGMS, you must sign the assurances for the grant and complete the contact information. See the image below for guidance. Once the contact information and assurances are complete, the budget for the COVID-19 Community Child Care Recovery Grant will become available.



The screenshot shows the eGMS application interface. The 'Assurances' tab is highlighted in purple. Below the navigation bar, the 'COVID19 CCR CCDF Assurances' section is visible. It contains a checklist of conditions for funding use and a signature field for 'District Admin LEA TEST' dated '7/2/2020'.

What are allowable uses of this grant funding?

The COVID-19 Community Child Care Recovery Grant was designed to support the recovery of Type III child care providers in each community. The main priorities for this grant are:

- Providing financial supports (e.g. bonuses, incentive pay, etc.) to encourage and incentivize the early childhood workforce to return to work
- Purchasing and distributing additional PPE/sanitation supplies
- Providing direct financial support to providers to support them to stay open or re-open, which may include costs associated with rent, utilities, payroll, etc.
- Promoting re-enrollment through additional informational campaigns or other outreach to families

In budgeting for these main priorities, lead agencies may prioritize other grant activities that support increasing and sustaining access to high-quality early childhood in your community. Lead agencies should be prepared to justify expenses that do not fall into those four aforementioned categories, but do contribute to high-quality education.

What coding should I use for eGMS?

Lead agencies that establish assurances with child care centers will code sub-grant expenditures to Object Code 500 (for instances where they are issuing payment directly to the child care center as part of the partnership agreement). These partnership agreements will be treated as an MOU between the lead agency and child care center.

Lead agencies not choosing to sub-grant should provide budget line items as normal.

Are my assurances okay?

If you are unsure about the quality of your assurances, you may send them to review to devon.camarota@la.gov. Strong examples of these assurances include an outline of specific dollar amounts being granted to the center, the allowable uses for the funds, any documentation the lead agency wants to collect for audit purposes, a timeline for spending the funds, etc.

What kind of records should I keep for this grant?

Recipients of this grant should maintain documentation of expenditures, which may include receipts, bills, purchase agreements, etc. Recipients should communicate with their organization's business or finance office about what specific documentation may be needed for internal or routine audits.

Can I use these funds for curriculum/technology?

Networks who prioritize responding to COVID-19 with the main focuses of this funding (workforce support, enrollment support, PPE/Sanitation purposes, and facilities upkeep, see allowable uses question above), and have funds remaining may consider using funds to support high-quality education for children. Please be prepared in your budgets to justify how and why this expense is appropriate considering the impact of COVID-19 on your community.

Can I use these funds for playground equipment/outdoor activities?

The COVID-19 Community Child Care Recovery grant is not intended to be used to cover facility enhancements or the purchase or outdoor play equipment.