

Item	Overview	Estimated Cost	Committees of Jurisdiction	Not accounted for in the most recent SFY 20 or SFY 21 budgets	Related to COVID-19	Response to second-order effects of COVID-19	Incurred between 3/1/20 and 12/30/20	Feasibility by end of 2020
Child Care Reopening Grants	The Governor proposed allocating \$6 million for restart grants to support child care programs in reopening. This funding was included in Coronavirus Relief Fund allocation list submitted by the Department of Finance and Management and approved by Joint Fiscal Committee on May 11, 2020. However, these funds are not expected to meet the need of all programs serving children 0 - 13. Additional funding is needed to fully support programs in reopening. Grants will help to cover expenses related to new health and safety guidelines, increased operating and personnel expenses, etc.	At least \$6 million for year-round child care programs, plus \$3 million additional funding for summer-only school-age programs.	H. Human Services S. Health and Welfare or S. Education	✓	✓		✓	Already underway - Initial \$6 million approved by Joint Fiscal Committee for child care and summer camps/afterschool. Additional \$6 m needed.
Temporarily increase CCFAP Reimbursement Rates to Reflect the New Cost of Providing Care	Reimbursement rates need to be temporarily updated to align with the new cost of providing care during a pandemic so that programs can meet updated health and safety guidelines, increased personnel expenses, etc.	LGK estimates at least \$453,663 in additional funds per month. Request estimate from CDD.	H. Human Services S. Health and Welfare or S. Education	✓	✓		✓	Could be immediately, temporarily implemented through end of 2020
Continue to Pay CCFAP Reimbursements to Child Care Programs Based on Enrollment vs Attendance	Children with underlying health conditions, or family with underlying health conditions, may not be able to return to care immediately but should not lose access to child care slot. This funding would respond directly to medical and public health needs	Request estimate from CDD	H. Human Services S. Health and Welfare or S. Education	✓	✓	✓	✓	Already underway
Extend CCFAP's Work Search Eligibility Criteria	Families may be out of work for more than the currently allowed 12 weeks of work search. We recommend that CDD use their ability to modify program eligibility criteria to expand this coverage to at least 24 weeks. This could be classified as a response second-order effects of the emergency by providing economic support to those suffering from employment or business interruptions due to COVID-19.	Request estimate from CDD	H. Human Services S. Health and Welfare or S. Education	✓	✓	✓	✓	Administrative action could happen immediately

Hazard pay for early educators	Hazard pay should be provided to child care workers through the end of 2020. JFO guidance indicates to be eligible for CRF funds, hazard pay must apply to positions that are categorized as at least medium risk. Per VOSHA/OSHA, "Medium exposure risk jobs include those that require frequent contact, close contact (within 6 feet), or both with people who may be infected with SARS-CoV-2, but who are not known or suspected COVID-19 patients." Child care clearly falls into this category as young children are not capable of physical distancing and may be infected but asymptomatic.	\$13 million estimate	H. Commerce and Economic Development S. Economic Development, Housing and General Affairs	✓	✓	✓	✓	Legislature could enact immediately
Professional preparation and development for early educators	Providing high-quality early care and education in a pandemic environment requires additional professional development and supports. Many no-cost training options have been available in the early weeks, but organizations do not have resources to continue to support in-depth professional education without additional resources.	\$1 million	H. Commerce and Economic Development/S. Economic Development, Housing and General Affairs	✓	✓	✓	✓	Avenues currently exist for immediate additional support
Allocate funds to purchase a new IT system for CDD	Updated IT system needed to get grant payments out to programs, manage new capacity challenges due to smaller group sizes and unexpected program closures, manage future sudden closure and reopening needs based on virus resurgence. This expense could be classified as a response to second-order effects of the emergency such as by providing economic support to those suffering from employment or business interruptions due to COVID-19.	\$6.7 million	H. Human Services S. Health and Welfare or S. Education	✓	✓	✓	✓	JFO and Leg Council express concern over eligibility for CRF funding, since state is under corrective action plan in part due to outdated IT.