Welcome to the Come Back Stronger Fund Informational Webinar.

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• This webinar will be available to view within 24 hours after broadcast at www.earlylearningindiana.org/comebackstronger
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Agenda

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WHAT WE DO: We educate and activate an ecosystem of stakeholders to create accessible, high-quality early education opportunities for children in our state.

Practicing What We Teach
Operate a network of premier community-based lab schools, advance the science of early learning, train the next generation of teachers, and instill essential skills.

Sharing What We Know
An expert partner enabling early learning partners and providers to build capacity, transform operations, and improve learning outcomes.

Driving System-Level Change
We drive system-level change to address barriers to accessible, affordable and high-quality early education.

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Preparedness and Response
Delivering safe, high quality early learning experience in a COVID-19 environment

- **Health Screenings**
  Daily screenings and regular use of face-coverings

- **Pick-Up/Drop-Off**
  No family members past the front door

- **Limited Class Size**
  Limited class sizes

- **Distinct Groupings**
  No mixing of groups of children

- **Visual Reminders**
  Age-appropriate markers throughout to reinforce social distancing

- **Lesson Planning**
  Strengthened health and safety lessons incorporated throughout day

- **Individualized Toys**
  Personalized art boxes and other materials

- **Remote Family Conferences**
  Continued family engagement through all available means

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Accelerating Strategic Investments

Working statewide to respond to emerging needs and anticipate long-term impact

Driving Quality
Focus on the true drivers of improved instructional practice

Building an Effective Workforce
Innovate preparation and recruitment to speed time and lower cost to productivity

Closing Local Capacity Gaps
Rebuild lost capacity with a relentless focus on quality

Growing System-Level Supports
Scale administrative support to improve sustainability

Influencing Demand
Create a more efficient marketplace

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Fund Overview

With the support of Lilly Endowment Inc., Early Learning Indiana is proud to present the Come Back Stronger Fund, a $15 million fund designed to reinforce Indiana’s supply of high-quality early learning opportunities and support providers across the state who are committed to serving vulnerable family populations.

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Eligibility

Grants will support early care and education providers that meet the following eligibility criteria. Eligible nonprofit and for-profit organizations must be:

- A licensed or registered center, ministry or family child care home in the state of Indiana and in good standing
- Operating as a Paths to QUALITY™ Level 3 or 4, or as a Paths to QUALITY™ Level 2 with a recently demonstrated commitment to achieving a higher level of program quality
- An approved CCDF or On My Way Pre-K provider or a provider that otherwise serves children from households at or below 200% of the Federal Poverty Level
- Serving children ages 0-5

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Award Considerations

1. Eligibility criteria must be met
2. Funds must go toward allowable expenses that serve a charitable purpose
3. Specific attention will be paid to ensuring awardees are representative of a statewide geographic footprint, to the extent possible

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Grant Details

The Come Back Stronger Fund will provide grants of up to $40,000 per site, based on enrollment numbers and providers’ total percentage of families served who use Child Care and Development Fund (CCDF) or On My Way Pre-K dollars. Enrollment data should reflect a program’s enrollment as of March 1, 2020.

*Providers may be asked to provide an enrollment roster to verify enrollment. CCDF and On My Way Pre-K numbers are subject to audit.
Grant Details

Eligible to receive

- <20 children enrolled: $2,000, *$1,000
- 20-50 children enrolled: $10,000, *$5,000
- 51-100 children enrolled: $20,000, *$7,500
- >100 children enrolled: $30,000, *$10,000

*IF 25% OR MORE OF THE TOTAL CHILDREN ENROLLED ARE ON CCDF OR ON MY WAY PRE-K SUBSIDY, PROVIDERS ARE ELIGIBLE TO RECEIVE ADDITIONAL FUNDING LISTED ABOVE.

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Grant funds are intended to help providers safely and effectively continue or resume operations and adapt to COVID-19 challenges. These include measures such as:

• Enhancing sanitation practices
• Altering key aspects of the physical environment to support social distancing
• Adopting new staffing models that minimize exposure
• Expanding to serve more children in response to a depletion in community supply
• Investing in personalized sets of materials and toys to limit cross-contamination among children while maintaining an environment that stimulates child development.
Replenishing previously existing supplies or offsetting new expenses that are required to adhere to social distancing and safely serve children and families.

Allowable: personal protective equipment, individual learning supplies, meal preparation and packaging, cleaning supplies.

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Paying substitutes or transitional staff costs related to accommodating limited group sizes

Examples of allowable expenses: substitutes or temp services to cover additional classroom staffing to meet current enrollment needs, staff costs to have someone taking temperatures at check-in, additional staff at opening, closing or mealtimes

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Making short-term investments to support environmental improvements to enable social distancing or accommodations to allow providers to safely care for children amid regulatory capacity limits.

Examples of allowable expenses: ventilation equipment, temporary space rentals, physical barriers to separate spaces.
Investing in reopening planning efforts, support for family communications highlighting safety practices, mental health supports, or other related professional services.

Examples of allowable expenses: consultants to create reopening or communication plans, contracted mental health services for staff, children and/or families

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Expenses related to programs expanding to serve more children within existing and new locations in response to a depletion in community supply. This could include expanding operating hours, opening new seats, expanding to new sites or building networks that support other providers.

Examples of allowable expenses: staffing for expanded hours, capital improvements at new locations related to licensing or registration, start-up materials for new locations

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Application Process

• The grant application will open on Thursday, May 21. At that time, interested and eligible providers can apply at earlylearningindiana.org/comebackstronger

• Early Learning Indiana will host several upcoming opportunities to support providers:
  • Application Walk-through Webinar
    Tuesday, May 26 1-2 p.m. ET
  • Support Types and Awardee Highlights Webinar
    Thursday, June 11 1-2 p.m. ET

• Please send additional requests for technical assistance to stronger@earlylearningindiana.org

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Application Contact

Please note that the Early Learning Indiana team will use the Submittable platform to send communications to applicants, including questions and notification of funding status. The individual who submits the application will receive communications, so applicants should monitor this email address.

Single Point of Contact - Name *


Single Point of Contact - Title *


Single Point of Contact - Phone Number *

Enter phone number including country code
What is the deadline for applications?

Applications will be received until the $15 million fund is completely awarded. Proposals will be reviewed and awarded on a weekly basis as follows:

- Proposals received by May 28 will be reviewed by June 4
- Proposals received by June 4 will be reviewed by June 11
- Proposals received by June 11 will be reviewed by June 18
- Proposals received by June 18 will be reviewed by June 25
- Proposals received by June 25 will be reviewed by July 2
- Proposals received by July 2 will be reviewed by July 10
- Proposals received by July 9 will be reviewed by July 16

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FAQ | APPLICATION PROCESS

• Am I eligible to apply more than one time?
  ✔ Programs are eligible to receive only one grant per site, therefore programs should apply only once.

• My center is part of a larger network. Should I submit one application per site, or one for the network?
  ✔ Please submit one application for each site.

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Review Process

- A cross-sector review committee of local, state and national early childhood education leaders will review applications on a rolling basis until all funds are allocated, awarding grants in 1-week windows.

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How soon can we expect to be notified if awarded?

- Applications will be reviewed on a rolling basis. Awards will be announced every week beginning on June 8. Applications that are received by May 28 will be notified of their funding status on June 4.

If awarded, how long will it take to receive funding?

- Awarded providers will receive funding approximately two weeks after submitting required paperwork.

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Opportunities for Support

- Register for additional learning opportunities:
  - Application Walk-through Webinar
    **Tuesday, May 26, 1-2 p.m. ET – Register**
  - Support Types and Awardee Highlights Webinar
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  - Look out for additional webinars as programs are awarded to share creative solutions and best practices to benefit all providers
  - Follow us on our social networks as we'll share out tips and awardee highlights
  - Email stronger@earlylearningindiana.org with any questions.
Next Steps

• Apply

• Stay in the know - Be the first to hear updates by texting ‘Strong’ to 833-200-7082 to receive alerts about the Come Back Stronger Fund

• Share this Opportunity

Help spread the word – access promotional materials at earlylearningin.org/comebackstronger-toolkit/

Make a bigger impact – Early Learning Indiana also invites interested individuals, companies and foundations to contribute to the Come Back Stronger Fund.
For more information, please email Emily Nelson at emilyn@earlylearningindiana.org

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