

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING
THE APPLICATION AND ACCEPTANCE OF A
NJ DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES
DIVISION OF FAMILY DEVELOPMENT,
CHILD CARE HIRING AND RETENTION GRANT - \$ 19,000.00**

WHEREAS, the LEAL Program of the Township of North Brunswick has received notice from NJ Department of Human Services Division of Family Development of available grant funding through Federal American Rescue Plan funds in the amount of \$19,000.00; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of this grant is to reward and retain 19 eligible staff members of the LEAL program who meet the requirements set in the grant; and

WHEREAS, the Director of Recreation & Community Services approved the application and requests acceptance of the Child Care and Retention grant in the amount of \$19,000.00; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer reviewed the grant approval, the corresponding conditions of award, and recommends Council to approve said request; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Township of North Brunswick, that the Governing Body does hereby accept the grant of \$19,000.00, for the purpose described herein, and

Cavel Gallimore
Certified Finance Officer

Lou Ann Benson
Director of Parks, Recreation
& Community Services

Justine Progebin
Township Administrator

Ronald Gordon
Township Attorney
Certified as to form

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of a Resolution passed by the Township Council of the Township of North Brunswick at a meeting duly held on this 20th day of March 2023.

Lisa Russo
Township Clerk

RECORDED VOTE:

COUNCIL MEMBER	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	NOTES
HUTCHINSON				
GUADAGNINO				
ANDREWS				
DAVIS				
SOCIO				
MEHTA				
MAYOR WOMACK				

NJ Department of Human Services Division of Family Development Child Care Grants Comparison Chart

Hiring and Retention Bonus Grant

*Phase 1 Retention Grant
Application deadline now January 31, 2022
Phase 1 Hiring Grant Coming Spring 2022*

NJ ARP Stabilization Grant

Applications accepted through April 30, 2022

Who is Eligible

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Licensed child care center staff ▪ Registered family child care providers | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Licensed child care centers ▪ Registered family child care providers |
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Grant Amounts

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ \$1,000 per eligible staff for licensed child care centers ▪ \$1,000 per eligible registered family child care providers | <p>Payments will be made in two installments with award amounts based on license capacity, provider type and estimated monthly expenses.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ \$30,000 to \$120,000 for licensed child care centers ▪ \$4,000 for registered family child care providers |
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How Funds Can be Used

<p>Funds must be used to recruit new staff into the child care workforce and to reward and retain current staff.</p>	<p>Funds may be used for wages and benefits, insurance, rent, mortgage, utilities, cleaning and sanitizing, professional development related to health and safety, mental health services, and other operational expenses to remain open and operating. Funds may be used for either past (September 2021) or planned purchases or expenses.</p>
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Funding Sources

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Federal American Rescue Plan (ARP) ▪ New Jersey Revitalization Fund | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Federal American Rescue Plan (ARP) |
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General Grant Requirements

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Staff income \$50,000 or less a year ▪ Staff must be in teaching or supervision role ▪ Staff must comply with Child Care Development Block Grant trainings ▪ Staff must complete comprehensive criminal background checks ▪ Programs must be in good standing with state and local health and safety regulations ▪ Program must be open and operating | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Staff must comply with Child Care Development Block Grant trainings ▪ Staff must complete comprehensive criminal background checks ▪ Programs must be in good standing with state and local health and safety regulations ▪ Open and operating as of March 11, 2021 |
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Grant Process

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Provider verifies and approves staff information pulled into online application in NJCCIS. ▪ Grant money is awarded to the provider who is responsible for directly issuing funds to their staff. ▪ Retention grants available through January 14, 2022 for current staff. ▪ Hiring grants for staff hired after December will become available Spring 2022. ▪ A second phase of the Hiring and Retention Bonus Grant will be available Fall/Winter 2022. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Provider completes online application and uploads required banking documents in NJCCIS. ▪ All receipts/invoices for items or services purchased with grant funds must be kept on record, but are not required to be submitted at time of application. ▪ Providers will be required to complete a recertification to receive the second payment. |
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Payment Process

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Direct deposit within 30 days of application approval. ▪ December 2021 retention grant payments for current staff. ▪ Spring 2022 hiring grant payments for new staff. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The first payment will be made by direct deposit within 30 days of application approval. The second payment will be made in 12 months through a recertification process. ▪ Licensed child care providers who are open and operating will receive 2/3 of the grant total in their first payment. ▪ Temporarily closed applicants, who plan to reopen within 60 days of application, will receive 1/3 of the grant total in their first payment. ▪ Family child care providers will receive two payments of \$2,000. |
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Additional Resources and Contact Information

For information on these grants as well as on the Child Care Development Block Grant requirements, including trainings and comprehensive criminal background checks, visit www.ChildCareNJ.gov

NJCCIS Grant Application Support: www.NJCCIS.com or 1-877-522-1050
DFD Program and Grant Policy Questions: DFD-ChildCareGrants@dhs.nj.gov or 1-609-588-2300