

**COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
CABINET FOR HEALTH AND FAMILY SERVICES
DEPARTMENT FOR COMMUNITY BASED SERVICES
DIVISION OF CHILD CARE**

APPLICATION: Technology Grant

This application has been developed for the purpose of providing American Rescue Plan funds to providers in the form of a Technology Grant. The Division of Child Care is looking to utilize \$2.2 million to assist Kentucky Child Care Centers and Family Child Care Providers in increasing access to technology to support the sustainability of their business. DCC will accomplish this goal by providing funds up to \$1,000 to Kentucky licensed or certified programs for the enhancement of technology for their business.

Brief Overview of the American Rescue Plan Funds

The American Rescue Plan (ARP) Act of 2021 was signed into law on March 11, 2021 and includes multiple provisions impacting working families and the child care sector. This is the third major piece of legislation in response to the COVID-19 crisis that addresses the fragility of the child care market and the challenges of working parents in accessing affordable child care. More information can be found in explainers on child care in the CARES Act, passed in March 2020, and on the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act (CRRSA), passed in December 2020.

Instructions for Completing the Application

Applicant Information

- This application should be completed by a current Kentucky Child Care Director or Program Owner.
 - Centers or Providers must be licensed or certified with the Division of Regulated Child Care and be in good standing to qualify.
- Only one application per regulated facility will be accepted.
 - You may apply for multiple centers, but they will each need to have their own application.
 - The Division of Child Care will only accept one application per facility.
- This grant opportunity is to support the child care program by providing funding for one computer such as a desktop or a laptop computer.
- This grant opportunity may also go towards technical support equipment such as scanners, printer, routers, modems, monitors, a mouse, or a keyboard.
- Due to the specific programs and software needed to run a child care program tablets or Chromebooks are not permitted for purchase with these funds as they are not compatible with several programs.
- This grant will **NOT** cover ink, paper, payment of internet services, or any other consumable. This is for equipment only.
- Applicants will need to provide a cost estimate from a business that carries technology equipment. This cost estimate will need to have each item that is listed on the application along with the total cost with tax and shipping if applicable. **A copy of the estimate must be included with the application.**
- The applicant will be audited to ensure that funds were utilized for the technology of the facility.
- Applications will be accepted till funds are exceeded or by December 30th, 2023.
- Please submit all questions and return all applications to Robyn Stuart at Robyn.Stuart@ky.gov.

APPLICANT INFORMATION

Facility Name:

Owner's Name:

Facility Address:

City:

State:

Zip Code:

Phone:

Email:

County & Region:

License or Certification Number:

TECHNOLOGY INFORMATION

Items to be Purchased:

Total cost of Technology looking to purchase (Including taxes and shipping if applicable): \$

Name of Business Purchasing Items From:

Address of Business:

City:

State:

Zip Code:

Phone:

Email:

County & Region:

Please explain in detail the technology equipment needed and how it will support your business.

APPLICATION REVIEW PROCEDURE	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Incomplete applications will not be accepted• Please ensure that you attach an estimation of all technology equipment requesting.• Once completed, please send the application to: Robyn.Stuart@ky.gov• The Division of Child Care will review each application and candidates will be notified based on the review criteria within 45 days of receiving all information. If information is returned the 45-day process will restart once approved documentation is received.	
PROVIDER AGREEMENT	
<p>By signing and submitting this application, you are agreeing to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Providing a complete application for review by the Division of Child Care• Providing a legitimate cost estimate from a reputable technology agency.• Utilize funding for the intended purpose of purchasing technology equipment for the child care business listed on the application.• Providing documentation of equipment purchased when audited	
Signature of applicant:	Date:

Approval and Key Next Steps

The Division of Child Care will notify each applicant of a decision. If additional information is required, you may be contacted by a Division of Child Care team member.