

HEALTH AND SAFETY GRANT

Health and safety funds can be used to make improvements to their facility that would help improve both COVID-indicated and overall health and safety practices.

Child care providers may use HEALTH AND SAFETY funds to cover the following expenses

- Portable sink or plumb in an additional classroom/entry sink to allow for frequent handwashing
- Personal protective equipment
- Automatic faucets, toilets and door kicks, paper towel dispensers, motioned sensor garbage cans, wireless door fob, and/or anything automatic/touchless
- Hand sanitizer and hand soap
- Temperature checking equipment
- Any items providing separate storage or separating of space to decrease risk of transmission of germs.
- Toys/materials easy to clean
- Easy to clean nap mats, cots, cribs and pack n plays
- Extra linens – crib/pack n play sheets, nap/cot sheets, bibs, burp cloths, washcloths, etc.
- Disinfectants and supplies related to disinfecting practices, such as spray bottles, cloths etc.
- Disposable dinnerware
- Commercial dishwasher – sanitizing setting for toys and dishes
- Easy to clean/sanitize changing table and diapering cubbies
- Carpet cleaner/floor cleaner
- Improvements for air quality – air cleaners
- Fire evacuation cribs

- FLOORING – **You may** use the funds to replace carpet to an easy clean floor (Linoleum, Laminate, etc.) in areas that are designated/licensed child care spaces. **You may not** use the funds to replace all the flooring in your home or to change out carpet for carpet.

- EGRESS WINDOWS – **You may not** use the funds for an egress window as that is considered a major renovation and is not allowed per federal regulations.
- FENCES – **You may** use the funds to make repairs to an existing fence, such as replacing broken boards or gates that need new latches. **You may not** use the funds to put up a new fence or upgrade a fence that was approved at the time you were licensed.
- SIDEWALKS AND DRIVEWAYS – **Minor repairs** to areas that children have access to for a major portion of the day.
- NEW WATER HEATER – **You may** replace your water heater if you are unable to maintain water temps per licensing requirements.
- PEELING AND CHIPPING PAINT - **Minor repairs** to areas that children have access to for a major portion of the day.
- INSTALLING NEW WINDOW AND DOORS – If windows and doors in child care space are deemed a safety concern per your licensing specialist. (Windows are broken, windows don't open, doors don't open)

Each program applicant will be **REQUIRED** to report how they spent the funds 90 days after payment is processed.