



ECIC Child Care Innovation Fund - Frequently Asked Questions

1. Are individual child care businesses eligible to apply for the Child Care Innovation Fund?

ECIC's Child Care Innovation Fund grant awards support organizations or partnerships of organizations to pilot a child care innovation which is designed to benefit an entire region and/or community of the state, not one individual child care business.

To learn more about current grant opportunities for **individual child care businesses**, [click here](#) to learn more about the Child Care Stabilization grants. to learn more about the Child Care Stabilization grants.

2. Will innovation grants be for a set amount?

The Innovation Fund supports two types of grants. There are suggested funding ranges for each type of grant.

Type of Grant	Suggested Funding Range
Start Up: Pilot a child care Innovation	Up to \$100,000
Scale Up: Expand the depth and reach of an existing child care innovation pilot	Up to \$150,000

3. When are applications due?

The application will remain open until 5:00 p.m. EST on April 14, 2022

4. What is the funding period?

The funding period will be June 1, 2022 – May 31, 2023

5. Can an organization serve as the fiduciary for a network of providers AND submit a separate application for the organization itself?

Yes, this would be allowable.

6. Can an organization serve as the fiduciary for multiple networks of providers or applications?

An organization can serve as the fiduciary for multiple networks of providers or applications. The strongest grant applications will clearly demonstrate how the applicant organization is working with a specific community or region in Michigan to bring forth an innovation **and** how the proposed innovation will specifically benefit a region or community in Michigan.

7. In general, are direct services, administrative costs and indirect operational costs acceptable costs for the budget?

Yes, a budget could include administrative costs and indirect operational costs.

8. Is there a match requirement?

There is no match requirement.

9. Given the grant period of June 1, 2022 – May 31, 2023, what are the reporting periods?

Innovation Fund grantees submit a six month and annual report using a format provided by the Child Care Innovation Fund.