



# The Workforce Development for Early Childhood Education Grant Information and Timeline

## Where To Apply

To apply, go directly to our portal at [www.webportalapp.com/sp/ct\\_cercle](http://www.webportalapp.com/sp/ct_cercle). For more information about CERCLE and this grant opportunity, visit our website at [www.ct-cercle.org/community-grants](http://www.ct-cercle.org/community-grants).

## Amount of Award

Based upon the proposed project/activity and the availability of funding.

## Eligible Applicants

There are two paths to qualify for funding, depending upon your type of business.

**Track 1:** Early Care and Education Providers (including center-based, group-home, family child care programs) that are:

- Located in the City of New Haven OR if not located in New Haven, your program can document that at least 50% of the children currently served are residents of the City;
- Have an active early childhood license in good standing from the Connecticut Office of Early Childhood (OEC) OR is a license-exempt program;
- Currently open and serving children;
- Non-profit or for-profit organization; and
- Not currently receiving services from OEC's AQIS (Accreditation Quality Improvement Support)

**Track 2:** Workforce Developers and Trainers that:

- Have a history of providing professional and workforce development training to early childhood education businesses; and
- Are non-profit or for-profit organizations

## Dates to Remember

- Application submission period: October 30, 2023 to December 10, 2023
- Grant review period: November 2023 to January 2024
- Award notification and initial funding: January 2024 to February 2024
- Final report due: 30 calendar days after project/activity end date



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## What We Fund

Grants will be awarded to meet the varied professional development needs of the early care and education (ECE) workforce, such as:

- Securing funding to recruit, hire and train new ECE staff
- Assist in the annual cost of program consultants
- Supporting executive, administrative and teaching staff attendance at ECE conferences
- Providing and or delivering ECE for-credit courses, designed to help staff achieve the Office of Early Childhood's qualified staff member (QSM) requirements
- Providing and or delivering professional development designed to meet the Connecticut Office of Early Childhood, NAEYC and or NAFCC training requirement
- Providing and or delivering technical assistance to ECE programs to create an Elevate or Organization Professional Development Implementation plan
- Developing and or implementing ECE teacher apprentice programs

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**The application period begins on Monday, October 30, 2023 and closes on Sunday, December 10, 2023.** Only completed applications that are submitted by the deadline will be considered for funding. Requests for funding shall include:

- Online application (available in English or Spanish)
- Budget and narrative justification
- Certificate of Liability Insurance
- Certificate of Good Standing (CT Secretary of State)
- Status Letter/Letter of Good Standing (CT Department of Revenue Services)

## Other Funding Opportunities

The ARPA fund also designated resources to other organizations such as the **United Way of Greater New Haven** that are dedicated to broadening the horizons of Connecticut children and families. For more information about their grant opportunities and upcoming informational sessions, visit [www.uwgnh.org/ecegrants](http://www.uwgnh.org/ecegrants).

## Contact Information

Questions? Contact us at [workforcegrant@ctcercle.org](mailto:workforcegrant@ctcercle.org).