



ARPA GRANT DEADLINE REMINDERS

Dear Child Care Provider,

March 1st is the last day to apply for VPK FAST tablets and for Classroom/Outdoor Supplies grants. All funds must be spent within 30 days of receipt of funds but no later than May 1st. Providers who apply by March 1st can expect their payment by the end of March, giving them a month to order their supplies. Once these items have been purchased, please send the receipts to arpagrants@ecs4kids.org using the subject line, "Supplies Receipt- Program Name" or "VPK Tablet Receipts – Program Name."

Likewise, providers should apply for the Workforce Initiatives by March 15th to allow time to receive the funds to purchase the training. Once the training is completed, email the training transcripts/certificates to ECS at arpagrants@ecs4kids.org using the subject line, "Training Certificates – Program Name". Approximately 30 to 60 days after we receive the transcripts/certificates, you will receive the funds to pay the staff the stipends. All training transcripts/certificates must be completed and received by May 1, 2024. Please email proof of payment of the stipends to staff to apragrants@ecs4kids.org using the subject line, "Training Stipends – Program Name." Proof of payment of stipends must be received by May 31, 2024.

Recruitment Stipends, Stipends for completion of 120 hours of employment, reimbursement for 45 hours DCF 45 hours Introductory Health and Safety training, reimbursement for the DCF health and safety training hours, CPR training and background checks must be submitted by April 15, 2024, and include the relevant back-up documentation such as receipts, payroll documentation and DCF transcripts. This grant only applies to staff that began employment with your program after July 1, 2024.

I am incredibly pleased that so many programs have participated in the grant programs we have been fortunate enough to offer this year. If you have any questions, concerns, or need assistance, please let me know or email arpagrants@ecs4kids.org.

Best regards,
Teresa Matheny
Chief of Programs
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Summary of Deadlines:

§ **March 1st** – Last day to apply for VPK FAST tablets and for Classroom/Outdoor Supplies grants.

§ **March 15th** – deadline to apply for Workforce Initiatives to receive funds and purchase the training.

§ **April 15th** – Submission of Recruitment Stipends, Stipends for completion of 120 hours of employment, reimbursement for 45 hours DCF 45 hours Introductory Health and Safety training, reimbursement for the DCF health and safety training hours, CPR training and background checks. Must include the relevant back-up documentation such as receipts, payroll documentation and DCF transcripts in the email to arpagrants@ecs4kids.org.

§ **May 1st** – All funds must be spent for the VPK FAST tablets and for Classroom/Outdoor Supplies grants.

§ **May 1st** – All Workforce Initiative training transcripts/certificates must be completed and emailed to arpagrants@ecs4kids.org.

§ **May 31st** – Training Stipends proof of payment to staff must be emailed to arpagrants@ecs4kids.org.

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