

**American Rescue Plan (ARP) State
Fiscal Recovery Funds (SFRF)
Request Form**

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Agency/Point of Contact: Tikki Brown - Department of Human Services

Title of Request: American Rescue Plan Funds for Child Care Assistance Program Basic Sliding Fee

Date: 6/22/2022

Request Amount: \$ 7,000,000

Expenditure Time Period: 7/1/2022 to 6/30/2023 (no later than 6/30/2023)

Brief Summary of Request: (Summary must be complete on this page with supporting information attached)

This request is for \$7 million for the Child Care Assistance Program (CCAP) Basic Sliding Fee (BSF) Program for the Calendar Year 2023 allocation. These funds would temporarily clear the Basic Sliding Fee waiting list and create stability and access to child care for approximately about 340 families and 680 children in Calendar Year 2023. Previous COVID relief funds have helped increase access to the BSF program.

As of April 2022, there were 372 families on BSF waiting lists statewide and as of February 2021, an estimated 82% of families on waiting lists and being served by the Child Care Assistance Program were essential workers. The additional funds will signal to local agencies (counties and tribes) to keep reaching families on the waiting lists, if they have a waiting list. For local agencies that don't have a waiting list, it will reduce the potential need for them to start a waiting list into CY2023.

In State Fiscal year 2021, BSF served approximately 12,200 children from just under 6,200 families. In a more typical year, CCAP serves approximately 15,000 children from 7,000 families. Sixty-one percent of children served by BSF were children of color, specifically Black/African American, Asian/Pacific Islander, Hispanic/Latino, multiple races, and American Indian. Of all children served by BSF, 46 percent were Black or African American. Increasing funds available to BSF would increase access to child care services for children of color, in particular Black or African American children.

Families eligible for CCAP through BSF have an annual income below 67% of the State Median Income at the time of redetermination and incomes below 85% of the State Median income at all times during their eligibility. Families must be participating in authorized work, job search, or educational activities.

Jodi Harpstead

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