



Renewal Incentive/Continuous Quality Improvement Award Parameters

The Renewal Incentive/CQI Award is designed to give providers assistance in their continued effort to improve the quality of care children receive. Child care facilities with 19 or more children are eligible for a \$1000 award, and child care facilities with 18 or fewer children and family child care homes are eligible for a \$500 award. *The CQI Award is granted one time during the renewal period after a program has received their initial rating.* Request for Reassessment and Check In will be available to providers during the renewal period during subsequent years.

The award may be used for staff training or activities that support Standard 1, Director and Teacher Qualifications, Standard 2, Child Health and Physical Activity, Standard 3, Family Engagement, or a project that will aid quality improvement based on the program's ERS report.

Durable materials and equipment **MAY** be purchased with award funds. For example:

- Shelving unit to replace shelves that are in disrepair
- Replacement of cribs in disrepair
- Age appropriate quality children's scissors, paintbrushes, or art easel
- Age appropriate sand and water table for indoors or outdoors
- Educational materials to replace materials with missing or broken pieces
- Educational materials to support children's learning
- Age appropriate equipment to support physical activity such as: portable basketball hoop, balls, riding toys

Award funds **MAY** be used toward staff training and family engagement activities. For example:

- Conferences fees
- Seminar fees
- Training to complete Professional Learning Plans
- Speaker for a Family Night to support family engagement

Award funds may **NOT** be used for airfare, transportation, hotel accommodations, or food for conferences.

Consumable materials may **NOT** be purchased with award funds. For example:

- Food items
- Paper plates, cups, tissue, paper towels etc.
- Paper, crayons, paint, play dough etc.
- Sand for sand and water table
- Mulch for playground

Technology may **NOT** be purchased with award funds.

Award funds may **NOT** be used for venue rental fees for activities or events.

Award funds may **NOT** be used to purchase door prizes for activities or events.



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No permanent additions or repairs outdoors or indoors that will enhance the value of the property for *Family Child Care* programs and *Child Care Centers with 18 or fewer children* may be purchased.

For example:

- Fences
- Addition of stairs or steps
- Basketball hoop that is cemented into the ground
- Carpeting
- Plumbing or fixtures for a permanent sink
- Plumbing or fixtures for a restroom
- Hot water tank, furnace, or air-conditioner

Renewal Incentive/CQI Awards are available through private foundations and are contingent on the availability of funds and are subject to change without prior notice.