



Monthly Town Hall Meeting

1/9/2024



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- Welcome-
- SR Monitoring
- Procure
- GRANTS!!
- Questions



PROCARE

- ELC will purchase PROCARE subscriptions for interested providers
- https://elcswfl.webauthor.com/go/frx_procare/default.cfm
- Will hold a special meeting to discuss PROCARE and the different functions



ARPA Grant Opportunities

- Contracted SR and/ or VPK providers serving children birth to five years old.
- Some projects have limited availability-based funding and/or project capacity.
- Webauthor will be used for applications.
- Interest application window will open in early January, if applicable.
- ARPA Project will be available between January-April 2024.
- Funding requests are required by April 30th, 2024, unless otherwise noted.

Point of Contacts are available on each Interest Application for any additional questions.



Building Access to Quality Childcare

Have space to add another classroom but don't have the materials to furnish it? This grant allows you to receive materials to support the opening of a new infant and/or toddler classroom in your program.

Eligible Participants	162 School Readiness and/or VPK contracted childcare centers. Site tour required to review potential space prior to selection.
Requirements	Must have an open classroom currently not in use due to lack of materials and/or furniture, staff must be hired prior to classroom opening. Must include budget in initial request. Coalition will request all receipts.
Financial Incentive	\$2,000.00 per eligible provider Initial document reflected \$20,000 in error
Registration Access	Webauthor- Provider Request- Infant or Toddler Classroom Capacity Increase
Point of Contact	Leona.Adkins@elcofswfl.org



Direct Payments

Eligible Participants	School Readiness & VPK contracted childcare providers open and operating in Collier, Hendry, Lee and Glades Counties. (excluding School District)
Date Range for Eligibility	Must be open and operating at the time of application.
Stipend Provided for Completion	One payment will be provided. \$12,000 - \$20,000 based upon provider's licensed capacity.
Process to Request Payment	Webauthor- Provider Request- Provider Mini Grant
Point of Contact	Yanely.Cruz@elcofswfl.org



CLASS Score Incentive

Eligible Participants	VPK or SR Sites that maintain their composite CLASS Score of 5, increase their score above 5 or by .5 will receive a stipend for each educator listed in QPS and/or WELS. If eligible, you only receive this payment once for your SR composite score. VPK only sites will be based on VPK composite score.
Date Range for Eligibility	7/1/2023-5/30/2024
Requirements	Initial Application through Webauthor Account
Stipend Provided for Completion	\$1000 per teacher/director listed in QPS and/or WELS
Process to Request Payment	Submitted through Webauthor- Staff Request- CLASS Score Incentive
Point of Contact	Cheryl.Carpenter@elcofswfl.org



Professional Development

VPK Retention Bonus	
Eligible Participants	VPK Lead and Assistant Teachers that maintain employment at the same site during the VPK Program 2023-2024
Requirements	Dates aligned to full VPK schedule Initial application through Webauthor account submit proof of employment attestation for employment from August 2023-April 2024 or full VPK program year
Financial Incentive	\$2,000.00
Registration Access	Webauthor- Teacher Request- VPK Retention Bonus
Process to Request Payment	Submit proof of employment attestation.
Point of Contact	Brenda.Griffin@elcofswfl.org



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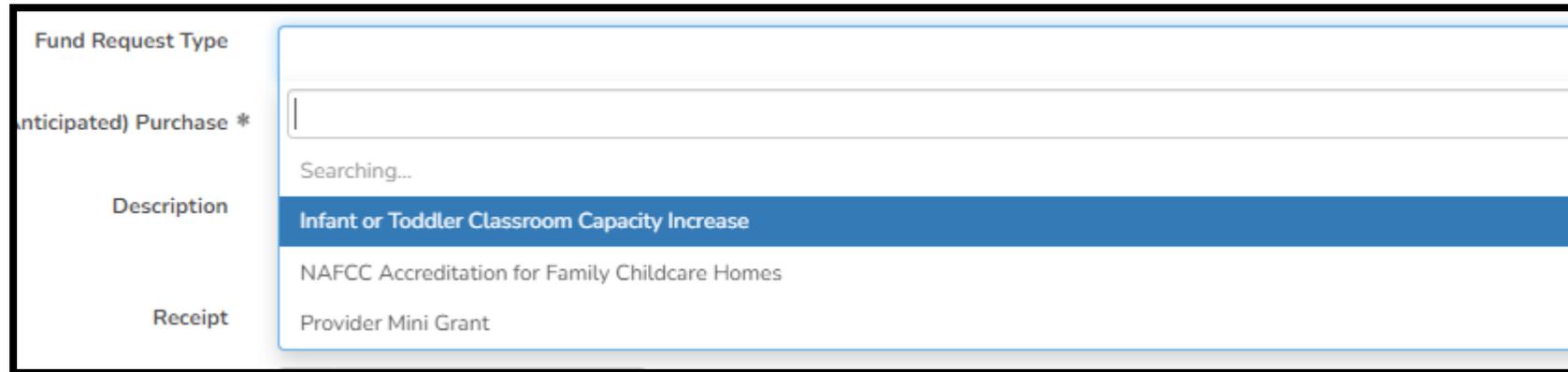
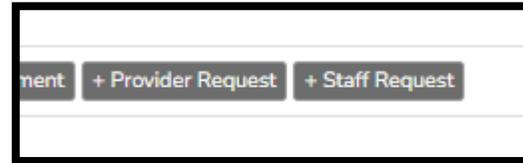
VPK Substitute Credential Bonus	
Eligible Participants	VPK Substitutes are eligible to receive the stipend if they receive their CDA/FCCPC/ECPC.
Requirements 7/1/22-5/30/2024	Initial Application through Webauthor account submit transcript with completed credential into Webauthor
Financial Incentive	\$2,000.00
Registration Access	Webauthor- Teacher Request- VPK Sub Bonus for Receiving CDA
Process to Request Payment	Submit transcript with completed credential into Webauthor
Point of Contact	Brenda.Griffin@elcofswfl.org



Submitting the Interest Application-Webauthor

1. Click ARPA

2. Choose appropriate project



3. Complete application and upload any supporting documents

ALL STAFF REQUESTS MUST HAVE A VALID W9 UPLOADED AT TIME OF REQUEST.



Application Review and Approval Process

- The Coalition will review the application for eligibility.
- The Coalition will call to request a review of the application to determine the needs of your program, as applicable.
- Once approved, you will receive an email from Webauthor and the Coalition as applicable.
- Additional details related to the specific projects will be sent at a later date.

Of Special Note:

Coalition Staff members cannot provide you with an expected payout date of grant funds that you are applying for. Once your application has been processed and approved funds will be paid out as soon as possible.

(normally within 20 days of approval)



Provider Responsibility:

Complete the interest application for each project you are interested in.

Provide updated provider information, as needed.

Participate in the project as described in the interest application.

Submit required documentation when requesting stipend through Webauthor.

Dependent on the Grant for which you are applying, please reach out to the contact email listed for the grant.

Update provider profile for 2024-2025.

Coalition Responsibility:

Responding to questions regarding application process.

Review and approve applications.

Request provider updated information, when necessary.



Questions?

- Provider Questions from the Chat Box
- What would you like to learn about?





Next Meeting
Tuesday, February 13, 2024!
1:30
More grant opportunities to
come

Lena Grow- Wednesday,
January 17th @ 1:30

We are grateful for your
continued support of our
Southwest Florida families!

