ENTERPRISE COMMUNITY PARTNERS, INC.

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) & Answers

King County Puget Sound Taxpayer Accountability Account (PSTAA) Funding

December 2025

Grant Application & Award Timeline (subject to change)

Informational Webinar: Wednesday December 10th, 2025 at 12:00PM PST - Register for the webinar by clicking this link

Grant Writing Webinar: Friday December 12th, 2025 at 12:00PM PST – Register for the webinar by clicking this link

Proposals Due: Friday January 23rd, 2026 at 8:59PM PST

Award Notification: estimated by March 31st, 2026

Period of Performance: estimated through December 31st, 2026

Virtual Technical Assistance hours will be held on the following dates: Book Office Hours by clicking this link

- Wednesday December 17th, 2025 12:30PM – 3:30PM PST
- Thursday December 18th, 2025 11AM – 4:30PM PST
- Wednesday January 14th, 2026 10:00AM – 12:30PM PST
- Monday January 19th, 2026 10:00AM – 12:00PM PST

Last day to submit RFP questions via email: Wednesday January 21st, 2026 at 5:00PM PST

Applications can be submitted here: SlideRoom Link

Access the application materials and landing page here: Click here

Eligible Applicants

1) **Who is encouraged to apply?**

- Currently licensed childcare center-based providers or providers who intend to become licensed childcare centers (non-home based).
- Childcare providers partnered with an affordable housing organizations
- Eligible organization types include:
  - ◊ Childcare centers, non-profit property management organizations, affordable housing developers (for-profit and nonprofit), recognized tribes, community and technical colleges, and religiously affiliated entities are also encouraged.

2) **Are there requirements that the applicant needs to meet?**

- Applicants need to be or intend to be licensed and in good standing through the WA State Department of Children, Youth and Families (DCYF).
- Childcare centers must be active participants or intend to be active participants and in good standing with Early Achievers, or a comparable accreditation program that signals compliance with high quality standards.
- Must have a WA State business license to provide early learning services.

3) **If the project is co-located with an affordable housing or community development organization, who should fill out the application?**

- Either the affordable housing organization/community development organization or the childcare provider can fill out the application. Please note that whoever is the primary applicant will become the primary grant recipient if awarded. All partners on the project should be listed in the application.

4) **What types of projects are eligible for funding?**

- Funding is available to support the construction of new childcare facilities or the expansion of existing childcare facilities. This includes center-based early learning providers, non-home-based. Funding is typically available for: Predevelopment costs, major/minor construction and renovation costs, and Acquisition.

5) **I am located outside of King County but serve King County families, can I apply for grant?**

- The PSTAA fund can only allocate funds to projects located in King County and serving King County families.

6) **I am not currently licensed. How can I receive support?**

- Please contact DCYF to determine licensing next steps at dcyf.welcome@dcyf.wa.gov

Grant Funding Requirements

7) **What are ineligible project activities for this grant opportunity?**

   The following costs are not eligible for these grants:
   ◊ Playground equipment
   ◊ Childcare equipment such as activities, toys, games, curriculum, etc.
   ◊ Food/Snacks
   ◊ Emergency funding
   ◊ Mortgage or utility bills
   ◊ Staffing costs or other salaries

8) **Can the grant fund funds to fill financial gap as we launch our program or work on a current project?**

- Unfortunately, PSTAA funds cannot fund types of gaps like emergency funding, mortgage, or utility bills, staffing costs or other salaries.

9) **Is the PSTAA grant open to past recipients?**

- Yes, however the funds can only fund a new phase of the previous project or new project.

10) **How do I get more information about Working Connections Child Care?**

- Visit DCYF's website for more information about WCCC.

11) **How much funding should I request? Is there a maximum?**

- There is no maximum amount, however, funding requested must match the budget sheet attached to the application. Please use the notes section to document any additional calculations or costs that could increase.

12) **Do I need to own the childcare facility building to apply for PSTAA funding?**

- You do not need to own the property. Projects with mortgaged or leased facilities are eligible, with permission from the owner for proposed project(s).

13) Am I required to work with the WELL Fund?

- No

14) What do I need to report if I am awarded the grant?

Funded projects will be required to submit reporting requirements during and upon completion of grant period of performance, including but not limited to:

- Capturing total childcare slots and classrooms created
- Organizational sustainability and next steps
- Community impacts
- Pictures, plans or other documentation noting progression and completion of project

Development Phase and Project Timeline

15) What are Pre-development activities?

- Development concepts, design expenses, contractor cost estimates, permitting expenses, and/or due diligence items such as zoning studies, environmental studies, geotechnical studies.

16) What is the Scope of Work?

The thorough explanation of activities that the grant funds will pay for. The Scope of Work should cover:

- Pre-development activities; Renovation or Construction activities
- Describes what the grant funds will cover, include any project details, needs, and timelines
- Please write this with an objective view about your childcare center, your area, or the development/construction of the project as proposed

17) How long do I have to spend down the grant funds?

- Spend down funds by December 31, 2026
- Negotiable: delays may occur due to COVID, shipping, permitting, etc.

Information on ECEAP

https://www.dcyf.wa.gov/services/earlylearning-childcare/eceap-headstart

Information on WCCC

https://www.dcyf.wa.gov/services/earlylearning-childcare/getting-help/wccc