

The Early Learning Facilities Grant Program



The Early Learning Facilities (ELF) grant program supports Washington's commitment to developing additional high-quality early learning opportunities for children from low-income households.

The ELF program provides financial assistance to enable Early Childhood Education and Assistance Program (ECEAP) contractors and Working Connections Child Care (WCCC) subsidy providers to expand, remodel, purchase or construct early learning facilities and classrooms.

Who Can Apply?

- Existing ECEAP and WCCC providers
- Licensed early learning providers who aren't currently providing ECEAP or WCCC, but who intend to do so
- New providers who intend to provide ECEAP and/or WCCC
- Developers of housing and community facilities
- Community and technical colleges
- Educational Service Districts (ESD)
- Local governments
- Federally recognized tribes in the state
- Religious affiliated entities

Why Apply?

The ELF program:

- Increases opportunities for high-quality early childhood education
- Supports children's safety and healthy learning environments
- Creates opportunities to leverage local and private resources with state investments

Types of Grants and How Much Can Be Awarded

There are three different fundable project types available from the ELF grant program.

UP TO \$ 20,000	UP TO \$200,000	UP TO \$ 1,000,000
Facilities Pre-Design Grant	Minor Renovations and Repairs	Major Construction, Major Renovation and Facility Purchase
Example: To conduct feasibility study for creating a child care center or family home	Example: Upgrade the existing building and the site to add early learning spaces and meet current requirements	Example: Construction, major renovation and facility purchase for early learning

How to Apply

For ELF grant guidelines, application timeframes and procedures, visit the Department of Commerce's website:

www.commerce.wa.gov/building-infrastructure/capital-facilities/early-learning-program

Questions?

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