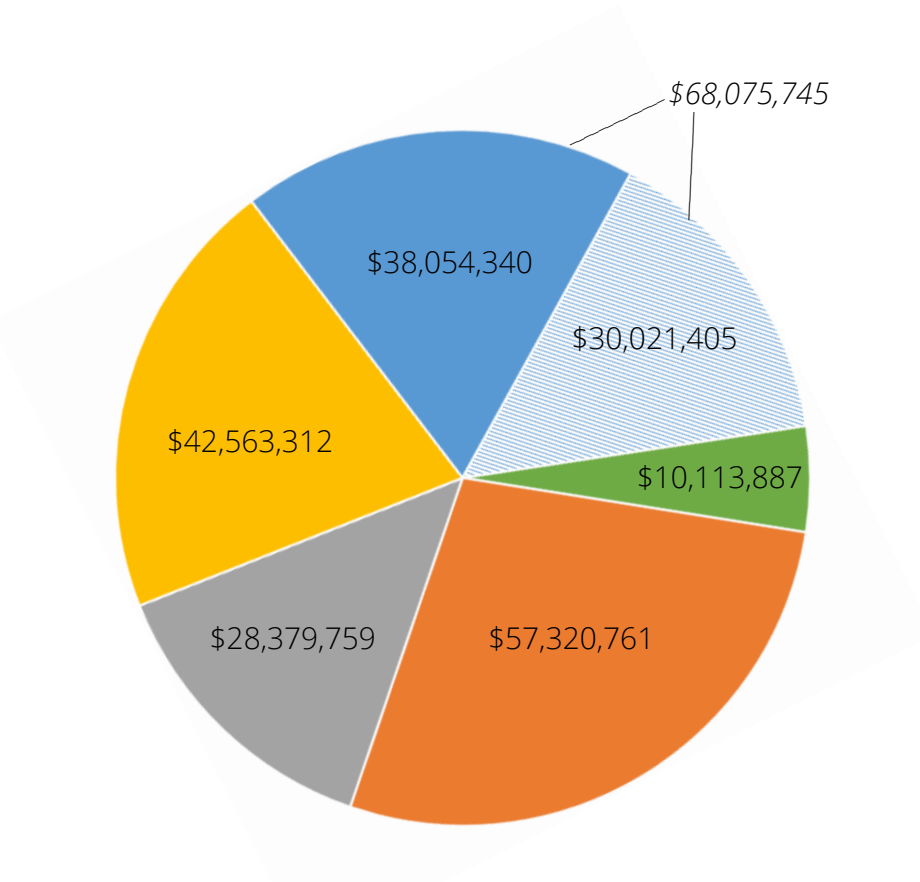


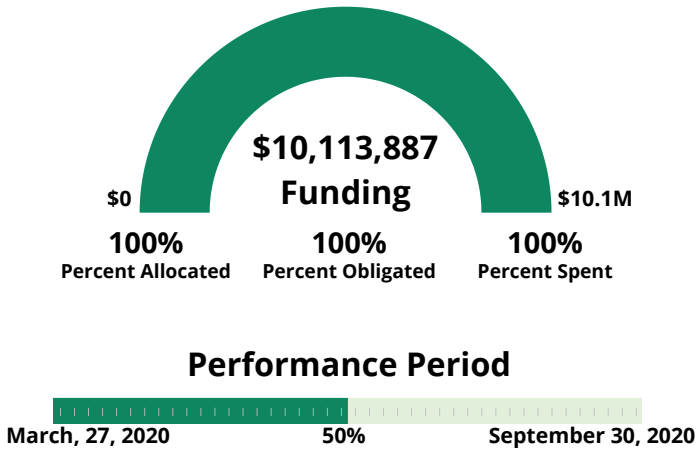
Early Childhood and Family Support COVID-19 Pandemic Funding Project Summary



- Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES)
- Coronavirus Relief Fund
- Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act (CRRSAA)
- American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Supplemental Child Care Block Grant Funding
- ARPA Child Care Stabilization Grants (Approved)
- ▨ ARPA Child Care Stabilization Grants (Seeking Approval in January, 2022)

ECFSD Covid-19 Pandemic Child Care Past Funding

CARES Act



Supplemental Payments to Licensed/Registered Child Care Providers (Two Rounds of Payments Averaging \$4,244)

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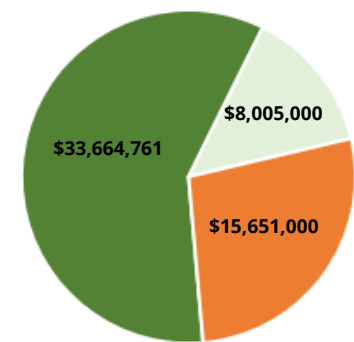
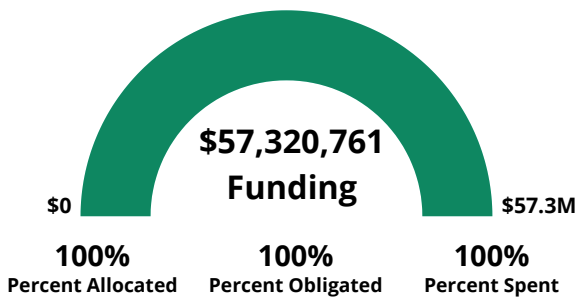
Best Beginnings Child Care Scholarships Full Coverage (\$1,419,479)

- 3,500 families continued to receive child care assistance even if temporarily out of work due to COVID-19
 - Paid full authorized amounts regardless of attendance
 - Three months of co-pay relief for BBS families

Temporary/Short Term Child Care for Essential/Emergency Personnel (\$782,771)

- 15 new programs received funding to provide temporary child care for 549 children

Coronavirus Relief Fund



- Grants
- Supplemental Payments
- Special Circumstance Scholarships

A Third Round of Supplemental Payments to Licensed/Registered Providers Averaging \$9,620 Per Provider (\$8,005,000)

- 888 providers received supplemental funding to mitigate the impacts of COVID including health and safety

Special Circumstance Scholarships to Offset Costs Related to In-Home Child Care and Remote Learning Support (\$15,651,000)

- 4,000 Families received \$2,000 scholarships

Grants to Community-Based School-Age/After School Programs (\$33,664,761)

- 327 school-age programs received funding to guarantee school-age child care services

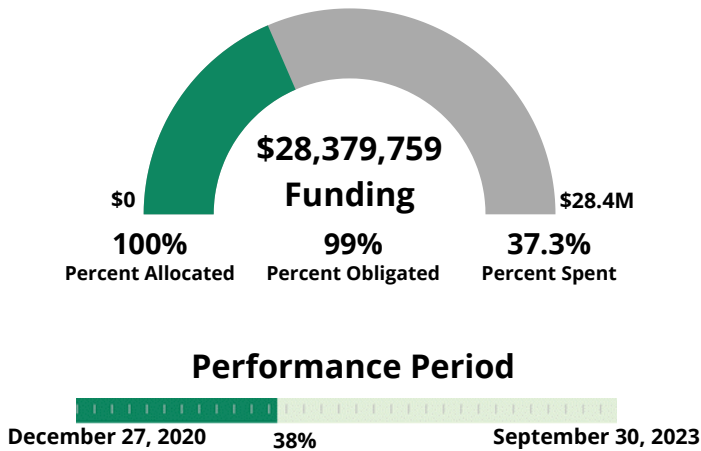
Support for Child Care Resource & Referral Agencies

- Seven Child Care Resource and Referral Agencies received funding to administer new COVID-19 funding/programs

ECFSD Covid-19 Pandemic Child Care Present Funding



Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act (CRRSAA)



Best Beginnings Scholarship (BBS) Guaranteed Payment for Child Care Slot

- An average of 617 licensed child care providers have received full authorized amounts each month regardless of attendance to hold child care slots for families

Eligibility Increase From 150% to 185% FPL

- 287 additional families served due to eligibility increase

Co-Payments Limited to \$10 per Family

- 1,940 families have received co-pay relief since June

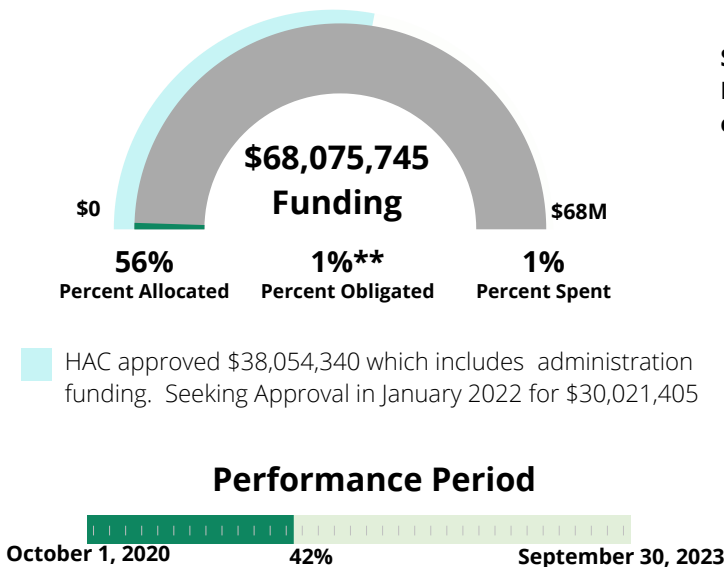
Cost of Background Checks Covered for all Required Staff Members (\$40,120)

- 1,337 background checks covered

Grants to Parents to Pay for Summer School Age Child Care/Camps (\$4,841,910)

- 2,080 families received grants

ARPA Child Care Stabilization Grants



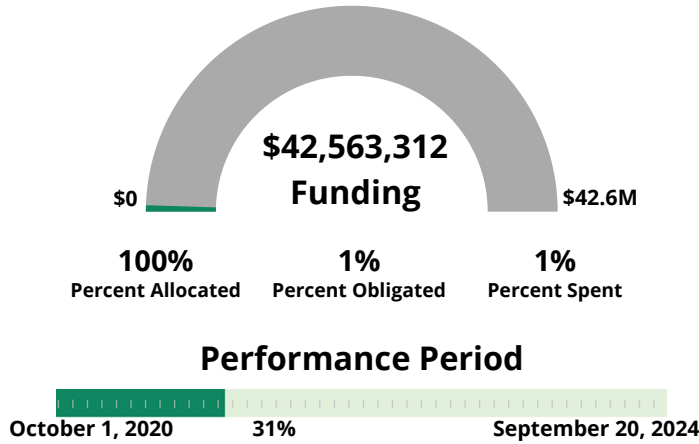
Stabilization Grants to Cover Operating Costs for Licensed/Registered Child Care Businesses, Including eligible In-Home Providers (FFN's)

- 440 applications received to date, intent to award letters going out the end of December 2021, first part of January 2022
- Projections indicate the state will expend full allocation for 80% of eligible providers (at a rate of about 45% of the child care businesses operating costs for one year)

HAC approved \$38,054,340 which includes administration funding. Seeking Approval in January 2022 for \$30,021,405

ECFSD Covid-19 Pandemic Child Care Present Funding (continued)

ARPA Supplemental Child Care Block Grant Funding



Current Status

Temporary Child Care Assistance for Health Care Workers

- Currently accepting and processing applications

Specialized Training, TA and Business Consultation

- A request for proposal (RFP) is being drafted now, and should release in December with the intent to award in February

Future Plans

Child Care Innovation/Start-Up/Expansion Grants

- An RFP will be released in January, 2022

Child Care Workforce Supports

- Staff in child care businesses will be eligible to receive workforce incentives through MSU Early Childhood Project

Child Care Resource and Referral Pilot in Eastern Montana

- Preliminary discussions with DCC in Miles City to design pilot have been initiated

Ongoing

Child Care Resource and Referral Licensing Regulatory/Business Process Review Project

- Rules related to group sizes in facilities in accordance with SB 142 recently published
- Currently surveying interested parties
- Focus Groups to begin soon
- Reviewing regulations
- Shadowing staff and conducting business process review in progress
- Anticipate rule changes
 - Immunizations
 - School-age child care