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Delivering for Our Communities: Child Care Implementation

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Delivering for Our Communities is a series of issue briefs that describe the major federal funding opportunities available due to the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) and the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA). This document examines funding opportunities applicable to **child care infrastructure** and describes the types of projects that may be funded with the federal grants. Community advocates can dive deeper into these opportunities to develop proposals and pressure policymakers to advance equity and improve economic outcomes.

IIJA Programs on Child Care Infrastructure

Child care programs were not included in the IIJA. Thus, most currently available child care funding has already been disbursed to state, local, and Tribal governments through ARPA-funded programs.

Funded ARPA Programs on Child Care Infrastructure

The funding for most ARPA programs has already been appropriated and disbursed to state, local, and Tribal governments. These sub-national governments have until the end of 2022 to decide what to do with the funds—and the money must be completely spent by the end of 2026. However, many states and municipalities have either allocated their funding toward general revenue —instead of particular child care projects or programs, as the money was intended—or have not yet made a final decision on how to use all of the funding. **Check with your state/local government to ensure that funds are being used, and that the use supports equity in your community rather than special interests.** You can look up how [state](#), [city](#), [county](#), and [Tribal](#) governments have used ARPA funding so far.

Child Care Stabilization Grants – \$24 billion allotted

- Defrays costs to child care providers (e.g., personnel, rent/mortgage, cleaning supplies and personal protective equipment [PPE], and mental health services)

Child Care and Development Block Grant (CCDBG) – \$15 billion allotted

- Provides flexible funding to state governments to support and build out child care infrastructure (e.g., grants to providers, subsidies to parents, investments in facilities, and workforce support)

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