

Changes and updates to grants for Shawnee County Child Care Programs: **URGENT**

To ensure that all available Shawnee County CARES Act funding is utilized to support area child care programs, there are CHANGES that we want you to know, effective 11/13/2020!

Eligible programs that have not yet applied for a grant have until November 30th to apply and can now request additional funding. Grant applications, forms and information can be found on the Child Care Aware® of Kansas website, www.ks.childcareaware.org. The application takes about 15 minutes to complete (one page, front and back). If receipts are submitted with the application, the grant award will be made in one lump-sum payment. If receipts are not submitted, a 50% payment will be made upon approval of the application and the final 50% payment will be made upon receipt of expenses. All receipts must be submitted no later than December 7, 2020 and be dated 9/1/2020--11/30/2020. The “Round 2” funding will be awarded on a “first-come, first-served” basis,” so programs are encouraged to **apply now**. The maximum award now for family child care is \$3,200 (\$1,200 Round 1 and \$2,000 Round 2), \$15,000 for small centers serving under 100 children (\$5,000 Round 1 and \$10,000 Round 2), and \$18,000 for large centers serving over 100 children (\$8,000 Round 1 and \$10,000 Round 2).

Eligible programs that have already applied and received a grant may now make a second request. Family child care programs may request up to an additional \$2,000, and centers (both small and large) may request up to an additional \$10,000. Funding awards will be made on a first-come, first-served basis until all available funding is exhausted. For programs that have already submitted their first application, all that is needed is a new Round 2 application form (one page, front and back), and receipts dated 9/1/2020—11/30/2020. Receipts submitted for the previous grant application will not be accepted.

A copy of the Round 2 application form is enclosed. A fillable form and additional details can be found at www.ks.childcareaware.org. Questions? Call Toll Free (855)750-3343 or email grants@ks.childcareaware.org or kris@ks.childcareaware.org; FAX 785-823-3385.