# **Child Care Stimulus Funding**

# **Summary & Detailed Breakdown** (as of March 2023)

## **Funds Available**

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| **Funding Source** | **Obligation & Expenditure Deadlines** | **Total Appropriated to TWC** |
| **CARES Act**  [H.R. 748](https://www.congress.gov/116/bills/hr748/BILLS-116hr748enr.pdf), the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (March 2020)  [CCDF-ACF-IM-2020-01](https://www.acf.hhs.gov/occ/policy-guidance/ccdf-discretionary-funds-appropriated-cares-act-public-law-116-136-passed-law) | obligated by 9/30/2022;  expended by 9/30/2023 | $371,663,374 |
| **CRRSA**  [H.R. 133](https://www.congress.gov/116/bills/hr133/BILLS-116hr133enr.pdf) ,the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act (December 2020) [CCDF-ACF-IM-2021-01](https://www.acf.hhs.gov/sites/default/files/documents/occ/CCDF-ACF-IM-2021-01.pdf) | obligated by 9/30/2022;  expended by 9/30/2023 | $1,135,748,591 |
| **ARPA Stabilization Grant**  Up to 10% for Supply Building/TA/Admin  [H.R. 1319](https://www.congress.gov/117/bills/hr1319/BILLS-117hr1319enr.pdf) , the American Rescue Plan Act (March 2021)  [CCDF-ACF-IM-2021-02](https://www.acf.hhs.gov/occ/policy-guidance/ccdf-acf-im-2021-02) | obligated by 9/30/2022;  expended by 9/30/2023 | $272,436,884 |
| **ARPA Stabilization Grant**  At least 90% for Grants to Providers  [H.R. 1319](https://www.congress.gov/117/bills/hr1319/BILLS-117hr1319enr.pdf) , the American Rescue Plan Act (March 2021)  [CCDF-ACF-IM-2021-02](https://www.acf.hhs.gov/occ/policy-guidance/ccdf-acf-im-2021-02) | obligated by 9/30/2022;  expended by 9/30/2023 | $2,451,931,953 |
| **ARPA Discretionary**  [H.R. 1319](https://www.congress.gov/117/bills/hr1319/BILLS-117hr1319enr.pdf) , the American Rescue Plan Act (March 2021)  [CCDF-ACF-IM-2021-03](https://www.acf.hhs.gov/sites/default/files/documents/occ/CCDF-ACF-IM-2021-03.pdf) | obligated by 9/30/2023;  expended by 9/30/2024 | $1,703,369,713 |
| **Total** | | **$5,935,150,515** |

## **Goals for Investments of Federal CCDBG Pandemic Funding**

In February, the Texas Workforce Commission (TWC) submitted [Texas’ Planned Use of CRRSA Funds Report](https://www.twc.texas.gov/sites/default/files/ogc/mtg21/commission-meeting-material-02.23.21-item14-dp-ccdf-crrsa-funds-plan-report-twc.pdf) indicating considerations for how to invest CCDBG increases. TWC’s focus for these new funds is to:

* **Serve more children with child care subsidies**, which may include targeting specific populations in need;
* **Stabilize the child care industry** through grants provided to programs to assist with their operating costs;
* Invest to **improve the quality child care**, including through TWC’s Texas Rising Star program;
* **Support the child care workforce**, including through increased opportunities for professional development and training; and
* **Build the capacity of child care**, including apprenticeship program expansion.

## **Projects Approved**

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| **Project** | **Date Approved** | **Funding Level** |
| Essential Worker Child Care | March 24, 2020 | $52.4 million |
| Enhanced Reimbursement Rate | May 19, 2020 July 28, 2020 August 20, 2020 January 12, 2021 | $207.2 million |
| FY20 Low-Income Child Care | August 20, 2020 | $17.5 million |
| FY21 Low-Income Child Care | August 20, 2020 | $33.3 million |
| [**First Tranche**](https://www.twc.texas.gov/sites/default/files/ogc/mtg21/commission-meeting-material-05.04.21-item10-dp-crrsa%20funds-cc-relief-grants-twc.pdf)  - Project | Date Approved | Funding Level |
| 2021 Child Care Relief Funds *(up to $775 million approved; $582 awarded; $558.5 expended)* | May 4, 2021 | $558.5 million |
| TA/Business Coaches (*extended in the 6th Tranche)* | May 4, 2021 | $15 million |
| [**Second Tranche**](https://www.twc.texas.gov/sites/default/files/ogc/mtg21/commission-meeting-material-06.29.21-item10-dp-2nd-tranche-crrsa-arpa-cc-funds-twc.pdf)**,** [**Second Tranche Amendment** -](https://www.twc.texas.gov/sites/default/files/ogc/mtg22/commission-meeting-material-04.18.22-item18a-dp-2nd-tranche-amendment-cc-apprenticeship-expansion-twc.pdf) Project | Date Approved | Funding Level |
| Service Industry Recovery Child Care *(up to $500 million)* | June 29, 2021 | $139 million |
| Texas Rising Star Support | June 29, 2021 | $30 million |
| Texas Rising Star Contracted Slots Pilot *(up to $20 million)* | June 29, 2021 | $1.2 million |
| Training: Early Childhood Apprenticeship Program Development *(up to $3.45 million)* | June 29, 2021  April 18, 2022 | $2.3 million |
| TWC Program Administration *(up to $5.6 million)* | June 29, 2021 | $2 million |
| [**Third Tranche**](https://www.twc.texas.gov/sites/default/files/ogc/mtg21/commission-meeting-material-10.19.21-item16-dp-3rd-tranche-arpa-stabilization-twc.pdf)**,** [**Third Tranche Modification**](https://www.twc.texas.gov/sites/default/files/ogc/mtg22/commission-meeting-material-01.11.22-item13-dp-3rd-tranche-modification-crrsa-arpa-twc.pdf)- Project | Date Approved | Funding Level |
| 2022 Child Care Relief Funds *(increased in the 5th Tranche)* | October 19, 2021 | $2,451,931,953 |
| TWC Program Administration | October 19, 2021 | $42.5 million |
| CCRF Program Monitoring *(up to $20 million)* | January 11, 2022 | $19 million |
| [**Fourth Tranche**](https://www.twc.texas.gov/sites/default/files/ogc/mtg21/commission-meeting-material-11.02.21-item15-dp-4th-tranche-crrsa-arpa-projects-twc.pdf)- Project | Date Approved | Funding Level |
| FY22-24 Low Income Child Care *(increased in the 7th Tranche)*  FY22 - $41.4 million  FY23 - $121.4 million  FY24 - $130.4 million | November 2, 2021 | $293.2 million |
| Matching Grants to Improve Quality (*project cancelled in the* [*Tenth Tranche*](https://www.twc.texas.gov/sites/default/files/ogc/mtg23/commission-meeting-materials-02.28.23-item13-dp-10th-tranche-crrsa-arpa-projects-twc.pdf)) | November 2, 2021 | $0 |
| TWC PreK Partnership Expansion | November 2, 2021 | $26 million |
| Training: Professional Development Scholarship Expansion | November 2, 2021 | $3.5 million |
| Shared Services Alliances *(up to $25 million)* | November 2, 2021 | $6.4 million |
| Studies/Evaluations  Child Care Workforce Strategic Plan  Cost of Quality/Price of Quality Reports  Provider Cost of Quality (PCQC) Calculator Report | November 2, 2021 | $1.6 million |
| FY22 CCS 20% Provider Enrollment/Growth Support | November 2, 2021 | $180.4 million |
| [**Fifth Tranche** -](https://www.twc.texas.gov/sites/default/files/ogc/mtg22/commission-meeting-material-02.01.22-item10-dp-5th-tranche-crrsa-arpa-projects-twc.pdf) Project | Date Approved | Funding Level |
| Outreach/Education Campaigns | February 1, 2022 | $10 million |
| Training: Texas A&M Agri-Life | February 1, 2022 | $8 million |
| Training: HHSC/ECI | February 1, 2022 | $4.5 million |
| Training: Skills for Small Business/Child Care | February 1, 2022 | $1 million |
| 2022 CCRF Increase *(up to $1 billion additional was approved; actual est. need will require an additional $600,000,000)* | February 1, 2022 | $600 million |
| Child Care Industry Expansion *(additional funding added in the* [*Ninth Tranche*](https://www.twc.texas.gov/sites/default/files/ogc/mtg22/commission-meeting-materials-09.27.22-item10-dp-9th-tranche-crrsa-arpa-projects-twc.pdf) *and* [*Tenth Tranche*](https://www.twc.texas.gov/sites/default/files/ogc/mtg23/commission-meeting-materials-02.28.23-item13-dp-10th-tranche-crrsa-arpa-projects-twc.pdf)*, bringing total initiative amount to $234 million)* | February 1, 2022 | $75 million |
| [**Sixth Tranche**](https://www.twc.texas.gov/sites/default/files/ogc/mtg22/commission-meeting-material-03.08.22-item12-dp-6th-tranche-crrsa-arpa-projects-twc.pdf)**,** [**Sixth Tranche Modification**](https://www.twc.texas.gov/sites/default/files/ogc/mtg22/commission-meeting-materials-11.07.22-item20-dp-6th-tranche-modification-pcqc-twc.pdf)- Project | Date Approved | Funding Level |
| HHSC Child Care Regulation IT System Enhancements | March 8, 2022 | $10.7 million |
| Child Care Business Coaching, extension | March 8, 2022 | $15 million |
| Cost of Quality Calculator Online Tool  *(in addition to the $300k that was approved in the 4th Tranche, bringing the total for this initiative to $1.2 million)* | March 8, 2022 | $900,000 |
| [**Seventh Tranche** -](https://www.twc.texas.gov/sites/default/files/ogc/mtg22/commission-meeting-material-03.22.22-item8-dp-7th-tranche-crrsa-arpa-project-twc.pdf) Project | Date Approved | Funding Level |
| FY22-24 Low Income Child Care  FY22 - $46.25 million  FY23 - $138.75 million  FY24 - $129.75 million | March 22, 2022 | $314.75 million |
| [**Eighth Tranche**](https://www.twc.texas.gov/sites/default/files/ogc/mtg22/commission-meeting-material-04.18.22-item18b-dp-8th-tranche-crrsa-arpa-projects-twc.pdf)- Project | Date Approved | Funding Level |
| TEA PreK Partnership Expansion | April 18, 2022 | $2.4 million |
| [**Ninth Tranche**](https://www.twc.texas.gov/sites/default/files/ogc/mtg22/commission-meeting-materials-09.27.22-item10-dp-9th-tranche-crrsa-arpa-projects-twc.pdf) Project | Date Approved | Funding Level |
| CCS Prospective Payments | Sept. 27, 2022 | $50 million |
| Child Care Industry Expansion, additional funding | Sept. 27, 2022 | $75 million |
| TECPDS and Engage Enhancements | Sept. 27, 2022 | $2.5 million |
| 2022 CCRF 5th Quarterly Payment for CCS Providers | Sept. 27, 2022 | $500 million |
| [**Tenth Tranche**](https://www.twc.texas.gov/sites/default/files/ogc/mtg23/commission-meeting-materials-02.28.23-item13-dp-10th-tranche-crrsa-arpa-projects-twc.pdf) Project | Date Approved | Funding Level |
| TA for Employer Support Child Care | February 28, 2023 | $12 million |
| Child Care Industry Expansion, additional funding *(bringing the total for this initiative to $234 million)* | February 28, 2023 | $84 million |
| Early Childhood Education Teacher Pipeline Pilot Project | February 28, 2023 | $2.7 million |
| Board Strategic Planning for Quality Improvement | February 28, 2023 | $150,000 |
| Child Care Program Data Enhancements | February 28, 2023 | $1 million |
| Child Care Business Coaching, extension | February 28, 2023 | $18 million |
| Low-Income Child Care *(amount will be adjusted based on available stimulus balance)* | February 28, 2023 | $64.5 million |

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| **Total Funds Approved and Funds Remaining Available** |  |
| Total Approved | $5,935,150,515 |
| Remaining Balance | $0 |

## **Stimulus Funding Directly to Child Care Programs – $4.058 billion**

* **2021 Child Care Relief Fund** - $558.5 million

Up to $775 million was approved. TWC awarded $582 million and $558.5 million was expended. TWC has posted additional information on the 2021 CCRF, which is available here:  
[Child Care Relief Funding 2021](https://www.twc.texas.gov/news/child-care-stimulus-resources#childCareReliefFunding01)

* **2022 Child Care Relief Fund** – $3 billion  
  Up to $3.4 billion was approved. TWC estimates $3 billion will be awarded. TWC has posted additional information on the 2022 CCRF, which is available here:  
  [Child Care Relief Funding 2022](https://www.twc.texas.gov/news/child-care-stimulus-resources#childCareReliefFunding0)
* **2023 Child Care Relief Fund – 5th Payment for CCS Providers** – up to $500 million  
  Under the 2022 CCRF, providers received 4 quarterly payments. TWC will provide CCS child care providers with one additional CCRF payment, for a total of five quarterly payments. These funds can assist CCS providers in meeting new requirements to improve the quality of child care, and to participate in the Texas Rising Star quality improvement system.

CCS child care programs will begin receiving their fifth payment in the Summer 2023.

## **Stimulus Funding for Additional Industry Supports – $731.6 million**

* **Business Coaching** - $48 million  
  TWC is contracting with several entities (CIVITAS Strategies, Curantis, and AVANCE) to provide business coaching to any child care provider in Texas. Additional information about these services is available here:  
  <https://www.childcare.texas.gov/>
* **Temporarily Increased Reimbursement Rates** - $387.6 million  
  At the beginning of the pandemic, TWC implemented a 25% Enhanced Reimbursement Rate for care providers serving children referred from TWC’s Child Care Services (CCS) program. This temporary enhanced rate was modified to 20% during Board Contract Year 2022 (October 1, 2021 through September 30, 2022).
* **Child Care Expansion Initiative** - $234 million  
  Funding was approved
  + to support staff at Local Workforce Development Boards working with child care employers in their area.
  + to support Child Care Navigator positions in Child Care Regulation (at Texas Health and Human Services)
  + to support the Child Care Expansion Initiative (CCEI) which provides funding for new child care provider expansion in child care deserts, for infant capacity, or child care expansion in collaboration with employers.

Applications for child care desert and child care infant expansion closed on November 30, 2022. Applications for child care employer partnership expansion are being accepted through November 30, 2023 (additional information available at <https://www.childcare.texas.gov/childcare-expansion>).   
  
TWC has posted additional information about awards approved under the Child Care Capacity Expansion Initiative, available here:  
[Child Care Expansion Initiative](https://www.twc.texas.gov/news/child-care-stimulus-resources#childCareExpansionInitiative)

* **TA for Employer Supported Child Care** - $12 million

Funding will be provided to qualified entities (to be selected through a competitive procurement) to provide technical assistance to employers. Technical assistance services may include conducting an employee needs assessment, analyzing options for supporting employee needs, and providing recommendations for employers to consider.

* **Prospective Payments** - $50 million  
  TWC approved rule changes, to be effective in Fiscal Year 2024 in alignment with the implementation of the new Child Care Case Management (CCCM) system, to modify the payment cycle for reimbursing CCS child care providers. Rather than reimbursing child care providers after child care services are provided, TWC will move to a two-week prospective payment. This aligns with private pay standards whereby providers are paid in advance of child care services being rendered. Paying prospectively will not impact the amount of the payment; it will impact the timing of when the provider receives the payment.

## **Stimulus Funding for Quality Improvement Activities - $155 million**

*Training - $21.5 million*

* **Apprenticeship Program Development** - $1.8 million

TWC issued two procurement opportunities (links to the first [RFA](https://www.txsmartbuy.com/esbd/filter=T&agencyName=8542&keySearch=child%20care%20apprenticeship&solStatus=4) and the second [RFA](https://www.txsmartbuy.com/esbd/filter=T&agencyName=8542&keySearch=child%20care%20apprenticeship&solStatus=4)) to solicit entities to develop Child Care Registered Apprenticeship Programs. The following programs were awarded funding;

# Round 1 Grantees (4/2022 – 3/31/2023)

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| Grantee | Period of Award | Amount | Summary |
| Camp Fire First Texas (Round 1) | 4/28/2022 – 3/31/2023 | $300,000 | **Credential(s)/Occupation(s)**  Early Education Pre-Apprenticeship Program (Pre-EEAP); Early Childcare Director; ECE II (Associate); ECE III (Bachelor’s) |
| Dallas College (Round 1) | 4/25/2022 – 3/31/2023 | $300,000 | **Credential(s)/Occupation(s)**  Three stackable credentials offered at a single institution (CDA, Associate, and Bachelor’s) |
| Workforce Solutions Heart of Texas (Round 1) | 4/18/2022 – 3/31/2023 | $193,401 | **Credential(s)/Occupation(s)**  CDA, Level I College Certificate in Child Development, Associate, and Bachelor’s at Tarleton University (offered on the McLennan Community College campus) |

# Round 2 Grantees (11/2022 – 11/30/2023)

| Grantee | Period of Award | Amount | Summary |
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| Camp Fire First Texas (Round 2) | 11/21/2022 – 11/30/2023 | $272,873 | **Credential(s)/Occupation(s)**  Early Education Pre-Apprenticeship Program (Pre-EEAP); Early Childcare Director; ECE II (Associate); ECE III (Bachelor’s) |
| Collin County Community College (Round 2) | 11/30/2022 – 11/30/2023 | $129,574 | **Credential(s)/Occupation(s)**  CDA  **Additional Details**  Collin College is building “degreed apprenticeships,” providing an opportunity for apprentices to continue to an Associate degree |
| Dallas College (Round 2) | 11/17/2022 – 11/30/2023 | $117,414 | **Credential(s)/Occupation(s)**  Three stackable credentials offered at a single institution (CDA, Associate, and Bachelor’s)  **Additional Details**  Implement the apprenticeship model, a RAP designed as a coherent, progressive program that includes onboarding ramps (or program tracks) that meet the specific needs of apprentices |
| South Texas College (Round 2) | 12/06/2022 – 11/30/2023 | $36,830 | **Credential(s)/Occupation(s)**  CDA (either the center-based infant/toddler or center-based preschool track) |
| UT Health Science Center at Houston (Round 2) | 11/24/2022 – 11/30/2023 | $299,972 | **Credential(s)/Occupation(s)**  CDA, Associate, and Bachelor’s  **Additional Details**  Ultimate vision is to iterate a model that works for all communities where Texas School Ready is implemented |
| Workforce Solutions Heart of Texas (Round 2) | 11/15/2022 – 11/30/2023 | $196,218 | **Credential(s)/Occupation(s)**  CDA, Level I College Certificate in Child Development, Associate, and Bachelor’s at Tarleton University (offered on the McLennan Community College campus) |

* **Professional Development Scholarship Expansion** – $3.5 million

TWC approved up to $7 million in additional funds for early childhood professional scholarships to support additional early childhood professionals in attaining their Child Care Development Associate™ credential, associate’s degree, Bachelor’s degree, or to participate in a Child Care Registered Apprenticeship. Funds were added to TWC’s existing contract with the Texas Association for the Education of Young Children (TXAEYC) to provide scholarships through their [T.E.A.C.H.](https://www.texasaeyc.org/programs/teach) program.

* **Texas A&M AgriLife** - $8 million

TWC provided funds to [Texas A&M AgriLife](https://agrilifeextension.tamu.edu/assets/life-health/childcare-training/) to develop new online training modules for child care professionals, to package existing courses into a series that fulfills CDA training requirements, and to make modules that fulfil preservice training requirements freely available to Texas child care professionals.

* **HHSC/Early Childhood Intervention** - $4.5 million

TWC provided funds to the Texas Health and Human Services Commission’s [Early Childhood Intervention (ECI) program](https://www.hhs.texas.gov/providers/assistive-services-providers/early-childhood-intervention-programs) to provide professional development and training opportunities to strengthen partnerships between ECI provider and child care providers and to support identification of children with special needs within child care programs.

* **Skills for Small Business** - $1 million

TWC made funds available through TWC’s [Skills for Small Business](https://www.twc.texas.gov/businesses/skills-small-business-employers) (SSB) for child care businesses. Historically, child care businesses were not eligible for SSB. Through SSB, child care businesses can apply to TWC for training offered by their local community or technical college, or the Texas A&M Engineering Extension Service (TEEX). TWC processes the applications and works with the college to fund the specific courses selected by businesses for their employees.

* **Early Childhood Education Teacher Pipeline Project, Dallas College** - $2.7 million

Funding to pilot a competency-based online Texas Core Curriculum aimed towards the Early Childhood Workforce.

*Texas Rising Star Focused Quality Improvement* - $66 million

* **Texas Rising Star Supports** - $30 million

TWC distributed $30 million to Boards to support activities that would increase participation in the Texas Rising Star program and the level of quality for programs participating. Additional information was published in:

[WD 21-21, Chg 2](https://twc.texas.gov/files/policy_letters/21-21-ch2-twc.pdf)   
[Texas Rising Star Incentives Distribution](https://twc.texas.gov/files/policy_letters/attachments/21-21-ch2-att1-twc.pdf)

Boards reported their planned use of these funds to TWC; these [plans are available on TWC’s website](https://www.twc.texas.gov/programs/childcare#authorityFunding).

* **Texas Rising Star Contracted Slots Pilot Program** - $1.2 million

TWC dedicated $1.2 million in stimulus funds for Boards interested in piloting contracted slots models. Contracted slots models allow Boards to enter into agreements with Texas Rising Star programs that agree to reserve spots for children receiving TWC scholarships. Pilots have been approved and are underway in two Boards:

* + Alamo Workforce Solutions - $746,230
  + Dallas Workforce Solutions - $450,000
* **Pre-K Partnership Program Development/Expansion** - $28.4 million

TWC dedicated $26 million for the expansion of [Pre-K partnerships](https://www.twc.texas.gov/programs/twc-prekindergarten-partnerships) (PKP) through regional PKP specialists that support child care programs pursuing partnerships and classroom startup awards for those who enter into formal partnerships. PKPs support collaboration between a school districts and charter schools and high-quality child care programs to provide high-quality care and education to eligible three- and four-year-old children.

TWC also dedicated $2.4 million to support a pilot project administered by Texas Education Agency and implemented by [Texas A&M University System](https://www.tamus.edu/). The Pre-K Expansion Hub Initiative will involve developing administrative hubs to facilitate business processes and fiscal models that support partnerships.

* **Shared Services Alliances** – $6.4 million awarded

TWC approved up to $24 million and published an [RFA](https://www.txsmartbuy.com/esbddetails/view/32022-00197) to solicit entities to establish Shared Services Alliances. reduce costs and improve the strength of management and the quality of services by sharing administrative functions with other organizations that provide the same types of services. The following entities were awarded grants:

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| Grantee | Period of Award | Amount | Shared Services Summary |
| AVANCE, INC. | 6/27/2022-5/31/2024 | $1,499,701 | **Number of Members**  Year 1: 45 members, Year 2: 105 members (Family Child Care Providers)  **Services**   * Bulk Purchasing * Marketing * Tax Support * Digital Literacy Support * Targeted Business Coaching * Targeted Quality Coaching * Training and Program Planning Support through a Substitute Pool |
| Collaborative for Children | 7/25/2022-5/31/2024 | $1,305,345 | **Number of Members**  50 (Child Care Centers)  **Services**   * Legal Aid * Marketing Solutions * Accounting * Child Care Management System |
| TXAEYC | 6/27/2022-5/31/2024 | $1,400,971 | **Number of Members**  80 (Texas Rising Star Child Care Providers)  **Services**   * Financial coaching   + Budget review     - Financial tools     - Business/operational tools   + 30-minute coaching sessions     - Financial tools     - Business/operational tools   + Cost savings – vendor discounts * Business Practices Training   + Webinars   + Access to pre-recorded business videos * Individual HR Coaching   + Benefits enrollment   + Benefits review     - HR-designed tools   + Employer services hotline   + Technical assistance * HR Professional Development   + Webinars   Access to pre-recorded HR videos |
| Pre-K 4 SA | 6/29/2022-5/31/2024 | $1,498,544 | **Number of Members**  Year 1: 40 additional providers, Year 2: 40 additional providers\* (Child Care Centers)  **Services**  Business Services   * ProCare * Bulk Purchasing * Administrative support * Enrollment support * Business and financial consulting support * Subsidy program support * Salary scale implementation * Financial coaching and support * Technology support * Staffing Services * Facility repair and maintenance support * Annual job fairs * Marketing and advertising support   Pedagogical Services   * Licensing/TRS certification support * NAFCC/NAEYC accreditation standards support * Research-based curriculum selection and implementation support * Professional learning/training * Pedagogical coaching for providers * Access to comprehensive services * Career counseling * Credential/degree scholarship connection support * Communities of Practice * Substitute pool for professional development + planning time * Classroom Assessment Scoring System (CLASS)   \*expanding on the existing San Antonio Shared Services Alliance |
| Opportunities Exchange and Children at Risk (Technical Assistance Grantee) | 6/15/2022-5/31/2024 | $404,498 | Provide ongoing guidance and support to TWC  awarded SSAs. |

*Other Quality Initiatives* - $24.3 million

* **Board Strategic Planning for Quality Improvement** - $150,000

TWC will host a statewide event for Boards to receive training and technical assistance on how to improve their strategic investment of local quality funding to best meet local needs, including evaluating how Boards consider input from local child care providers, a review of the allowable uses of quality improvement funds, and best practices in strategic planning and program design.

* **Outreach/Education Campaigns** - $10 million

TWC published an [RFP](https://www.txsmartbuy.com/esbddetails/view/3202200178) to solicit entities to support outreach services including market research, strategy, plans, brand identity and guidelines, creative and collateral, exhibit and demos, webinars, public service announcements, outreach websites and other online content, original photography and graphics, traditional media, digital media, events, public relations, partner activations, and evaluation to align campaign and program objectives with outreach performance. TWC has made one award TWC plans to reissue the RFP to solicit additional entities.

* + [Outreach Strategists](https://www.outreachstrategists.com/) - $6 million
* **HHSC/Child Care Regulation System Enhancements** - $10.7 million

TWC dedicated $10.7 million for Child Care Regulation to make improvements to the [Search Texas Child Care site](https://www.dfps.state.tx.us/Child_Care/Search_Texas_Child_Care/default.asp), the backend system for provider licensing data (CLASS), data exchange processes with TWC, and a new data exchanges with TEA. The improvements will modernize the technology, make the public-facing interfaces more user-friendly, and will include enhancements that improve cross-agency coordination.

* **TECPDS/ENGAGE Enhancements** - $2.5 million

TWC is providing funding to the University of Texas Health Science Center, Children’s Learning Institute (CLI) to make enhancements to the [Texas Early Childhood Professional Development System](https://public.tecpds.org/) (TECPDS), and the [Engage](https://public.cliengage.org/) online system, which is used by Texas Rising Star Mentors and Assessors. CLI will conduct a TECPDS Usability Study and pursue the National Workforce Registry Association’s recognition for high-quality state registries for the early childhood workforce. Updates will also be made to the [Texas Early Childhood Career Pathway](https://public.tecpds.org/resources/texas-ece-career-pathway/) information.

* **TWC Child Care Program Data Enhancements** - $1,030,000

Funding to support additional enhancements to publicly available child care data available on TWC’s [Child Care by the Numbers](https://twc.texas.gov/programs/child-care-numbers) webpage.

*Studies/Evaluations* – $3.65 million

* **Child Care Project Evaluations** - $1.15 million

TWC published an [RFP](https://www.txsmartbuy.com/esbddetails/view/3202200186) to solicit an entity to evaluate the following stimulus-funded initiatives:

* + - Apprenticeship Planning Grants - $450K
    - Shared Services Alliances - $450K
    - Pre-K Partnerships Expansion - $250K

The selected entity, Rice’s Texas Policy Lab, will assist TWC in measuring the efficacy and impact of these initiatives.

* **Child Care WF Strategic Plan** - $832,500

HB619 (87th Legislature, Regular Session) requires TWC to prepare a strategic plan for improving the quality of the infant, toddler, preschool, and school-age child-care workforce in this state and to update the plan every three years. The final report must include an analysis of the current child care workforce, and recommendations to improve, support, and sustain the child care workforce. TWC contracted with the [LBJ School of Public Affairs](https://lbj.utexas.edu/) at UT Austin who is partnering with the [Prenatal-to-3 Policy Impact Center](https://pn3policy.org/) to facilitate the statutorily required workgroup, perform data collection and analysis, and to develop the report, which is due to Legislature no later than December 31, 2022.

* **Price of Quality/Cost Modeling Reports** - $470,000

TWC dedicated funds to support regular refreshes of the “Cost of Quality” report. TWC is contracting with UT Austin to develop these reports in tandem with the annual Market Rate Survey. The new cost modeling reports will alternate focus on center-based care and home-based care each year. These reports will allow TWC to conduct narrow cost analyses to evaluate provider payment rates.

* **Provider Cost of Quality Calculator** - $1,200,000

TWC dedicated funding for the development of an online, interactive tool that calculates the cost of providing child care at varying levels of quality. The calculator will leverage Texas-specific data sets and will allow providers, stakeholders, and policymakers to model various scenarios and to better understand the levers that drive cost. To complete this work, TWC will secure a vendor through a statewide cooperative contract through the Department of Information Resources.

## **Stimulus Funding for Child Care Financial Assistance - $850.15 million**

* **Essential Worker Child Care** - $52.4 million
  + Approx. 29,700 children were enrolled at the beginning of the pandemic,   
    March through May 2020
  + Each child received 3 months of free child care
* **Service Industry Recovery Child Care** - $139 million
  + Approx. 17,400 children of Service Industry Workers were enrolled between   
    August 2021-March 2022
  + Each child received 12 months of free child care
* **Low Income Child Care BCY20-25** -$658.75 million
  + Approx. 83.2k kids received/will receive 12-months of child care
  + Approx. 28.8 k kids received/will receive between 3 and 5 months of child care

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|  | *Commission Action* | | **Total Funding** |
| **BCY20** | [CARES Act to Support Low-Income Child Care](https://www.twc.texas.gov/files/twc/commission_meeting_material_082020_item12b_dp-ccdbg_cares_act_funds_3_budget_iIssues.pdf)  *August 20, 2020* | | **$33.3 million**  13k kids for 3 months (July-Sept) |
| **BCY21** | **$17.5 million**  5,100 kids in FY21 |
| **BCY22** | [4th Tranche](https://www.twc.texas.gov/files/twc/commission_meeting_material_11.02.21_item15_dp_4th_tranche_crrsa_arpa_projects.pdf)  *November 2, 2021*  $41.4 million | [7th Tranche](https://twc.texas.gov/files/twc/commission_meeting_material_03.22.22_item8_dp_7th_tranche_crrsa_arpa_project.pdf)  *March 22, 2022*  $46.25 million\* | **$87.65 M** ($87.65)  5,339 kids in FY22 +  15.8k kids for 5 months (May-Sept) |
| **BCY23** | [4th Tranche](https://www.twc.texas.gov/files/twc/commission_meeting_material_11.02.21_item15_dp_4th_tranche_crrsa_arpa_projects.pdf)  *November 2, 2021*  $121.4 million | [7th Tranche](https://twc.texas.gov/files/twc/commission_meeting_material_03.22.22_item8_dp_7th_tranche_crrsa_arpa_project.pdf)  *March 22, 2022*  $138.75 million | **$260.15 M**  Included in the BCY23 Board Child Care Allocation\*\* |
| **BCY24** | [4th Tranche](https://www.twc.texas.gov/files/twc/commission_meeting_material_11.02.21_item15_dp_4th_tranche_crrsa_arpa_projects.pdf)  *November 2, 2021*  $130.4 million | [7th Tranche](https://twc.texas.gov/files/twc/commission_meeting_material_03.22.22_item8_dp_7th_tranche_crrsa_arpa_project.pdf)  *March 22, 2022*  $129.75 million | **$260.15 M**  To be included in the BCY24 Board Child Care Allocation |
| **Total** | | | **$658.75 million** |

\*Distributed to Boards on April 12, 2022, [DP - BCY22 Supplemental Distribution](https://twc.texas.gov/files/twc/commission_meeting_material_04.12.22_item9_dp_bcy22_supplemental_distribution_46.5M.pdf)

\*\*The [TWC FY2023/PY2022 Allocations](https://www.twc.texas.gov/files/twc/commission_meeting_materials_08.09.22_item15a_fy2023_snap_tanf_es_cc_allocations_packet.pdf), including Child Care funding, were approved at the [August 9, 2022 Commission Meeting](https://www.twc.texas.gov/texas-workforce-commission-policy-meeting-materials-august-9-2022-900-am). The [Local Workforce Development Board Childcare Targets for Board Contract Year 2023](https://www.twc.texas.gov/files/twc/commission_meeting_materials_09.13.22_item16_bcy23_cc_targets.pdf) were approved at the [September 13, 2022 Commission Meeting](https://www.twc.texas.gov/texas-workforce-commission-policy-meeting-materials-september-13-2022).

## **Stimulus Funding for TWC Program Oversight/Administration – $63.5 million**

* TWC Costs/Oversight/Administration- up to $44.5 million
* CCRF Monitoring –$19 million