



In response to devastation caused by natural disasters, the Florida Early Learning Disaster Relief (FELDR) partnership provides grant awards to child care programs to enable them to continue operations that support children and families. Grants will be awarded to eligible early learning programs including child care centers, head start programs, faith-based programs, and family child care homes, in the affected areas with significant damage caused by acts of nature (e.g., hurricanes, fires, floods, etc.). A completed application along with required documentation must be submitted in order to be considered for funding.

GRANT APPLICATION GUIDELINES

Eligibility:

The Florida Early Learning Disaster Relief (FELDR) partnership will consider support for early learning programs across the state of Florida that can demonstrate the following characteristics:

- Licensed or license-exempt by the Florida Department of Children and Families (DCF)
- No Class I or Class II licensing violations within the last two years

Grant Amount:

Grant awards will vary in amount depending on circumstances and will be considered on a case-by-case basis.

Funding Priorities:

Funding will be considered for Florida early learning programs in need of financial support due to damage or disaster to restore services. The following circumstances will be considered:

- The program is currently closed and is unlikely to reopen without assistance.
- The program is currently open, but is likely to close without assistance.
- The program does not have access to other crisis assistance programs or sources of assistance.
- The program operates in a geographic region with high poverty rates.
- The program demonstrates other compelling needs related to the circumstances of the center.

The Florida Early Learning Disaster Relief (FELDR) partnership IS UNABLE TO FUND:

- Financial distress not related to damage or disaster.
- Ongoing operating expenses (except as related to priorities listed above).
- Programs that restrict participation on the basis of religion (faith-based organizations may apply but must be willing to serve all members of the community).
- Programs that restrict participation on the basis of age, gender, disability, lifestyle or ethnicity.

Reporting Requirements:

Programs will also be asked to identify additional sources, including the level or amount received from other entities before a grant can be issued. When a grant is awarded, the funded program may be asked to submit fiscal accounting and/or narrative reports on the use of the funds and the impact of the grant on the children and families it serves. Reporting guidelines will be included in the letter of award.

Submission of Applications:

Florida Early Learning Disaster Relief (FELDR) applications may be submitted at any time. Submission of a grant application does not guarantee funding.

Please **mail** completed applications to:

Florida Early Learning Disaster Relief
c/o Children's Forum
2807 Remington Green Circle
Tallahassee, FL 32308

For more information about the Florida Early Learning Disaster Relief

visit www.fldisasterrelief.org or call 850-487-6300

Please **email** completed applications to: jassiddiq@thechildrensforum.com



Please use this application form to request relief funding for early learning programs impacted by damage or disaster. You may submit the completed application by mail or email. Be sure to complete all questions and attach additional requested documentation.

I. Applicant's Contact Information

Name of Early Learning Program:	County:
Physical Address:	Business Phone:
Mailing Address <i>(if different)</i> :	
Email:	Website <i>(if applicable)</i> :
Contact Person and Title:	Cell Phone:

II. Amount of Disaster Relief Grant Request

\$ _____ State amount that is being requested.

III. Purpose of Disaster Relief Grant - *Please limit your responses to 100 words*

- Briefly describe your early learning program. Please include number of children served, age range of children served, geographic area served, days/hours of operation, primary sources of income, and any special services you may provide.

- How has your program been impacted by a crisis and/or disaster? Please describe the specific crisis or disaster you have experienced.

- What are your specific needs as a result of the crisis situation? Please explain how you will use the requested funds for your program's recovery.

- Please include any other pertinent information you would like to share.



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GUIDELINES AND APPLICATION



IV. Financial Information and Photo Evidence of Disaster

Please attach:

1. A proposed list of materials or services for which a grant is requested.
2. Photos of the damage you have experienced.

Do you have any other sources of assistance to help you with this crisis? If yes to any item below, please indicate approximate value of coverage and/or amount-level of support.

- Insurance policies (Amount \$ _____)
- Other grants (please name funding organizations) _____ (Amount \$ _____)
- Community support, e.g., the Red Cross, the Salvation Army, etc. (Amount \$ _____)
- Other (please describe) _____ (Amount \$ _____)

V. Applicant Background

1. Provide the date your program opened and number of years in continuous operation. Indicate your type of business; i.e., sole proprietorship, partnership, or corporation. _____
2. Employer Identification Number: _____
3. Is your organization tax-exempt under Sections 501(c)(3) and/or 509(a) of the Internal Revenue Code? Yes No
4. State the number of employees in your program. _____

I acknowledge that this is a non-binding application and that the Florida Early Learning Disaster Relief program makes all grant decisions at its sole discretion, subject to approved donor restrictions and applicable law. I certify that if grant funds are received, no individual, including myself, will receive any goods, services or other private benefit from the funds and that all funds will be used as described in this application.

Signature of Applicant

Printed Name

Title

Date

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Application received on: _____

Amount Awarded: \$ _____

Verified by: _____

Notes