## **NJEDA Grant**

Dear Licensed Center Director/Owner:

The New Jersey Economic Development Authority (NJEDA) is excited to announce the upcoming release of the New Jersey Child Care Facilities Improvement Program Phase 1 grant application in fall 2022. This program builds on Governor Murphy's comprehensive strategy to support the state's vital child care sector and the crucial role of child care to the state's long-term economic recovery. Grants are available from \$50,000 to \$200,000 to licensed New Jersey child care centers for facilities improvements that will contribute to high quality early childhood learning environments. Child care providers may propose interior and exterior facility improvements to enhance the quality of their program and receive funding to cover the full costs of the project.

Eligible applicants for Phase 1 must be child care providers that are:

- Centers
- Licensed by the Department of Children & Families as of June 4, 2021
- Currently enroll, or have enrolled in the 12 months prior to the date of application, at least 1 child receiving assistance through NJ Department of Human Services' Child Care Assistance Program.

In anticipation of the application, a suite of tools and resources have been posted on the NJEDA website at <a href="www.njeda.com/child-care-improvement-program/">www.njeda.com/child-care-improvement-program/</a> to help child care center providers understand the program requirements, develop their facility improvement project scope of work, and plan for their application submission prior to the application opening later this fall.

NJEDA will be hosting a 90-minute webinar to give a program overview, walk participants through the application, and share resources on how to best prepare to apply. To register for the virtual session, please click on one of the links below:

Registration Link: September 15 at 10am
Registration Link: September 19 at 6pm

If you are unable to attend either of these sessions, webinar recordings will be available after September 19 at <a href="https://www.njeda.com/child-care-improvement-program/">www.njeda.com/child-care-improvement-program/</a>.

For questions about the NJ Child Care Facilities Improvement Program please contact <a href="mailto:CustomerCare@njeda.com">CustomerCare@njeda.com</a>, call (844) 965-1125, or use the Customer Care chat feature found on the NJEDA website at <a href="https://www.njeda.com">www.njeda.com</a>.