

Quality Improvement (QI) Grant for Licensed Private Programs QCC Track 2

Background

Licensed private early learning and care programs participating in QCC Track 2 have the potential to qualify for a Quality Improvement (QI) Grant. As a QCC participant, you have committed to going above and beyond licensing standards by continuing to improve the quality of care and education you provide using QCC’s Quality Rating Improvement System (QRIS) which focuses on:

- **Child Development and School Readiness:** Child observation, health screenings, and inclusion.
- **Teachers and Teaching:** CLASS – effective teacher-child interactions, professional development.
- **Program and Environment:** Environmental Rating Scales.

As your biggest fan, the Local Planning Council is excited to offer QI grants to support your continuous quality improvement efforts! Grants are issued in two phases and are accepted and issued on a rolling basis throughout the program year. CSPP, Head Start, and alternative programs are not eligible for QI Track 2 grants.

Phase 1

The purpose of this grant is to support programs in the completion of a site quality improvement plan.

Award amount:

\$500 – issued upon completion of the “before” self-assessment and QIP.

Requirements:

Create and submit a QIP using at least one QRIS self-assessment tool. Work with your mentor as needed for guidance.

1. Complete a “before” self-assessment using at least one of the following tools:
 - 2023 QRIS Adapted Self-Assessment – focuses on program standards to positive child outcomes and program quality
 - CLASS Dimensions Guide – focuses on teacher-child interactions
 - Environmental Rating Scales – focuses on early learning environments
2. Use the results of your self-assessment to create a quality improvement plan (QIP). The QIP will include an itemized budget and the activities you will undertake to implement your QIP. Submit your self-assessment and QIP to your mentor for approval.

Phase 2

The purpose of this grant is to support licensed private programs in implementing their QIP and achieving the goals set in their QIP. Examples: site materials, facility improvements, professional development or technology.

Award amount:

Award amounts depend on program type and need as identified in the QIP:

Family Child Care	• Small (licensed for 6 children)	Up to \$1000
	• Large (licensed for 14 children)	Up to \$1500
Centers	• Small/medium (licensed for 60 children)	Up to \$2000

	• Large (licensed for 60+ children)	Up to \$4500
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Phase 2 awards are issued after the initial phase 1 allocation.

Requirements:

Implement your QIP and complete progress follow ups with your mentor and an “after” self-assessment using the same QRIS tool(s) used for the “before” self-assessment. The goal is to identify improvement.

- 3-month progress mentor follow up
- 6-month progress mentor follow up
- “After” self-assessment

Submit your 3- and 6-month follow up forms and “after” self-assessment to your mentor and meet to discuss progress.