

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

Background

Licensed 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 (LPC) is excited to offer QI grants to support your continuous quality improvement efforts! Grants are accepted and issued on a rolling basis throughout the program year.

Description

The purpose of this grant is to support programs in the completion and implementation of a site quality improvement plan (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.
3. 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

Award Amount

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

Family Child Care	• Small (licensed for 8 children)	Up to \$2000
	• Large (licensed for 14 children)	Up to \$2500
Centers	• Small/medium (licensed for 60 children)	Up to \$3500
	• Large (licensed for 60+ children)	Up to \$4000
CSPP Programs	• Amounts vary each year and are based on the site’s tier rating and schedule.	

Additional funds may be issued for newly licensed programs (\$1000) and expansion licenses (\$800). Must be newly licensed or expanded within the fiscal year.