



**Mawar-rior Child Care Recovery Program**  
**Updated July 31, 2023**  
**GEDA Child Care Assistance Program Stabilization**  
**(CAPS2023)**

**PREFACE**

The child care industry of Guam was heavily impacted by the effects of Typhoon Mawar, causing many child care facilities to delay from opening their doors or making repairs to their facilities. This affects parents and families from going to work or school, and being contributing members of the community. To assist registered Child Care and Development Fund (CCDF) childcare centers to recover and rebuild, the Department of Public Health and Social Services appropriates \$18,833,000.00 in direct aid to sustain the child care market, stimulate the economy and build a resilient child care industry. The establishment of the **Guam Project Mawar-rior Child Care Recovery Program** (hereafter referred to as "CAPS2023") will be administered by the Guam Economic Development Authority (hereafter referred to as the "GEDA") pursuant to Governor Lourdes Leon Guerrero's Executive Order (EO) 2022-07 executed on March 18, 2022, also known as the *Prugrãman i Pinilan i Famagu'on Guåhan*, a program to watch over the children of Guåhan.

The three (3) hardening grant programs that will be offered are:

1. **Relative Mawar-rior Grant** for all license-exempt CCDF certified relative and in-home childcare providers in the amount of \$10,000 per grantee (+) \$1,500 per subsidized child enrolled prior to June 2023.
2. **Center-Based & School-Age Mawar-rior Grant** for all CCDF Certified Licensed Center-Based Child Care Providers and License-Exempt CCDF Certified School-Age childcare providers in the amount of \$200,000 per grantee (+) \$1,500 per subsidized child enrolled prior to June 2023.
3. **Family Daycare Mawar-rior Grant** for all CCDF Certified Licensed Family Daycare providers in the amount of \$50,000 per grantee (+) \$1,500 per subsidized child enrolled prior to June 2023; \$25,000 per grantee who did not have subsidized children enrolled prior to June 2023.

**PROGRAM INFORMATION**

This GEDA guidance incorporates the required legal mandates relative to the grant guidelines and E.O. 2022-07. The program will impact over 150 childcare providers and over 3,000 children and families. This program is 100% federally funded by the Child Care & Development Fund (CCDF) through the Bureau of Child Care Services. Eligible entities include the following:

**RELATIVE CHILD CARE PROVIDER:** one or more individual(s) often related to the child, who provide child care services for fewer than 24 hours per day per child,

in a private residence other than the child's residence, unless care in excess of 24 hours is due to the nature of the parent(s)' work.

**IN-HOME CHILD CARE PROVIDER:** an individual who provides child care services in the child's own home during a portion of a 24-hour day.

**CENTER BASED CHILD CARE PROVIDER:** A group care facility operated under public or private auspices serving twelve (12) or more children for a portion of a 24-hour day. Planned activities are determined by the child's age, development, special needs, family situation, and hours of care.

**FAMILY DAY CARE HOME:** A licensed home in which one (1) but no more than six (6) children are received for care and supervision in a family setting during a portion of a 24-hour day. Here children, generally of varying ages, find care for some part of the 24-hour day in the home of another family, often within their own neighborhood.

## **ELIGIBILITY**

To be eligible, early care and education programs must be:

- A certified Child Care and Development Fund (“CCDF”) child care provider as verified by the Guam Department of Public Health and Social Services (“DPHSS”).
- Meets applicable DPHSS health and safety requirements at the time of application including the completion of comprehensive background checks.
- In good standing with Guam’s regulations for licensed or registered child care. To be considered in good standing for the purposes of this program, a program must be compliant with current regulations and may not be in an active repayment process or the subject of an active investigation or enforcement action by DPHSS.
- Are engaged in programs that assist with the child care of children ages birth through 13.
- In operations at the time Typhoon Mawar occurred or a registered CCDF Provider at time of application and;
- Are currently operational or have anticipated reopening dates following Typhoon Mawar.

## **INELIGIBLE ENTITIES**

- Non-CCDF Child Care providers licensed in Guam and;
- After school programs at public or private schools;
- CCDF providers that were once open and are now permanently closed.

## CONDITIONS & REQUIREMENTS

- Funds must be used no later than **December 31, 2023**.
- Expenses must be associated with improving the physical safety, security and protection of their properties that reduce the risks from future disasters, natural hazards, flood damages, and disaster losses.
- Review of proposals and use of program funds must be approved by DPHSS & GEDA. Some examples of allowable uses of grant funds include the following:
  - Window / door shutters
  - Generator / Generator inverters
  - Water tank / storage
  - Water catchment systems / upgrades
  - Alternative power supply equipment / upgrades
  - Window replacements
  - Door replacements
  - Landscaping maintenance
  - Outdoor awnings / coverings
  - Disaster preparedness kits and First Aid kits
  - Mental health supports for children and providers
  - Cleaning and sanitation supplies and services
  - Training and professional development related to health and safety practices
  - Minor renovations and improvements that enhance child care services
- Funds may not be used for
  - Reimbursement of related past expenditures
  - Major renovations
    - structural changes to the foundation, roof, floor, exterior or load-bearing walls of a facility to increase its floor area; or
    - extensive alteration of a facility such as to significantly change its function and purpose, even if such renovation does not include any structural changes.
  - Compensation for losses already claimed under other federal funds;
  - Compensation for losses already claimed under individual or business insurance.
  - Items that have already been paid for by federal or local public funds.
  - Construction or major renovations.

## APPLICATION PERIOD

Applications will be accepted via email to [caps2023@investquam.com](mailto:caps2023@investquam.com) beginning 8:00 a.m., Monday, July 17, 2023 with an application submission deadline at 11:59 p.m. Friday, September 15, 2023. Grant is subject to the availability of funds.

Applications that are hand delivered to the drop box available at the GEDA office will not be reviewed until the next business day. Email submissions are highly encouraged.

### **REQUIRED DOCUMENTATION**

\*Additional information may be required of the applicant. **INCOMPLETE SUBMITTED APPLICATIONS WILL NOT PROGRESS FURTHER IN THE REVIEW PROCESS**

1. Completed and signed program application.
2. Completed and signed self-certification.
3. Applicant's current childcare and/or business license and CCDF certification.
4. Detailed list of planned used of grant funds.
5. List of active CCDF children under care with identified CCDF case numbers

### **AWARD AMOUNT**

It is the first (1<sup>st</sup>) priority to provide stability for the industry over the next six (6) months while the industry recovers by covering eligible expenses only. Providers may use funds for acquiring equipment, goods and services associated with improving the physical safety, security, and protection of their properties that reduce the risks from future disasters, natural hazards, flood damages, and disaster losses.

The second (2<sup>nd</sup>) priority is to assist Guam child providers by providing a direct subsidy of \$1,500 per subsidized child enrolled in their care prior to June 01, 2023 or at time of application. This CCDF incentive will automatically be added to their Grant award once enrollment is certified by DPHSS.

### **MAXIMUM AWARD AMOUNT**

Total award amount is based on the category of the CCDF child provider and total amount of subsidized children enrolled prior to June 01, 2023 or at time of application

Max award per child care category, once certified, is as follows:

- CCDF Relative and In-home child care providers - \$10,000 per grantee;
- CCDF Center-based & School-age child care providers - \$200,000 per grantee; and
- CCDF Licensed Family Daycare Providers - Up to \$50,000 per grantee.

Max award of \$1,500 per subsidized child enrolled with the child care provider by June 01, 2023 or at time of application will be certified by DPHSS following specific regulations:

- CCDF Relative and In-home child care providers: This CCDF incentive will be automatically added to their Relative Mawar-rior Grant. In addition to hardening activities, uses may include but not limited to clothing, shoes, toiletries, educational materials, assistive technology, and mental health services in the child care setting for the subsidized child.
- CCDF Center-based & School-age child care providers: This CCDF incentive will be automatically added to their Center-Based & School-Age Mawar-rior Grant as a cost-reimbursement grant to be used for subsidized children. In addition to hardening activities, uses may include but not limited to clothing, shoes, toiletries, educational materials, assistive technology, and mental health services for the subsidized child in the child care setting for the subsidized child.
- CCDF Family Daycare Providers: This CCDF incentive will be automatically added to their Family Daycare Mawar-rior Grant as a cost-reimbursement grant to be used for subsidized children. In addition to hardening activities, uses may include but not limited to clothing, shoes, toiletries, educational materials, assistive technology, and mental health services for the subsidized child in the child care setting for the subsidized child.

Award will be based on information provided by the applicant and as certified by the DPHSS.

## **PROCESSING**

### **STEP 1**

Download the grant application form found on the GEDA website at [www.investguam.com/CAPS2023](http://www.investguam.com/CAPS2023).

### **STEP 2**

Submit the completed application form and all required documents via email to [caps2023@investguam.com](mailto:caps2023@investguam.com)

### **STEP 3**

GEDA will provide a grant application number that will be posted on [www.investguam.com/CAPS2023](http://www.investguam.com/CAPS2023).

### **STEP 4**

If certain programs or expenses are deemed ineligible, a notice of ineligibility will be issued and sent to the applicant advising the reason of ineligibility.

### **STEP 5**

If received complete, application will proceed to STEP 5. If incomplete, a GEDA grant manager will post application status on [www.investguam.com/CAPS2023](http://www.investguam.com/CAPS2023) listing pending document(s).

**STEP 6**

GEDA will issue a notice of CAPS 2023 Award via email and must be acknowledged by recipient.

**STEP 7**

If approved, the Guam Department of Administration (DOA) will issue grant award via Electronic Fund Transfer (EFT).

**GRANT PROGRAM HELP DESK**

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**Description of Amendments Made 7/28/23**

**1. ELIGIBILITY updated as follows:**

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**2. AWARD AMOUNT updated as follows:**

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