



Family League Opens Child Care Subsidy Applications to Support Baltimore Families Affected by Federal Government Shutdown

Baltimore, MD (November 28, 2025) – Family League, in partnership with Mayor Brandon M. Scott and the Mayor’s Office of Children and Family Success (MOCFS), announces that applications for the Child Care Subsidy Grant will open on Monday, December 1, 2025. This initiative is part of Mayor Scott’s \$4.68 million emergency relief package designed to support Baltimore residents impacted by the recent federal government shutdown.

While the federal government shutdown has ended, its effects continue to reverberate through Baltimore families. Federal employees and contractors who reported to work without pay during November still face financial strain, and families eligible for Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits experienced disruptions that created lasting hardships. Recognizing that recovery takes time, this \$1 million child care support program provides crucial assistance to help families regain stability.

Application Access and Timeline

Beginning December 1, 2025, eligible Baltimore City residents can access the Child Care Subsidy Grant application at <https://familyleague.org/funding-opportunities/>. Family League will administer this program, providing direct funding to licensed child care providers on behalf of approved applicants.

Eligibility Criteria

Two groups of Baltimore City residents are eligible to apply:

- **Federal Employees and Contractors:** Individuals who were furloughed during November 2025 but were designated as essential and required to report for work in person. Applicants must provide proof of furlough status, daily in-person reporting requirements, childcare tuition costs, and documentation that their child(ren) were enrolled and actively participating with the same licensed childcare provider for at least three consecutive months prior to November 1, 2025 (August, September, and October).
- **SNAP-Eligible Families:** Baltimore City residents who are eligible to receive SNAP benefits. Applicants must provide proof of SNAP eligibility, childcare tuition costs, and documentation that their child(ren) were enrolled and actively participating with the same licensed childcare provider for at least three consecutive months prior to November 1, 2025.

Program Details

Grant requests cannot exceed \$2,500 and cannot exceed the total cost of November 2025 child care tuition. Upon review and approval, Family League will collaborate directly with the identified licensed child care provider to determine eligibility and, if funding is available, will contract with and provide payment director to the provider. All applications must be submitted electronically through Family League’s grants management system, and applicants must respond fully to all questions, submit required documentation, and reply to Family League inquiries within three business days of communication.

“Families should not have to bear the long-term consequences of federal decisions beyond their control,” stated Demaune Millard, President & CEO of Family League. “This child care subsidy program ensures that Baltimore families can maintain stable, quality care for their children while they recover from the financial impact of the shutdown. Our focus is on making this process accessible and efficient so families can receive the support they need.”

Family League’s established infrastructure and community partnerships enable the organization to rapidly deploy this assistance while ensuring equitable distribution across Baltimore’s diverse neighborhoods. As Baltimore’s Local



Management Board, Family League has a proven track record of administering critical resources, providing technical assistance, and supporting families through its network of community-based organizations.

For questions about the Child Care Subsidy Grant, contact childcaresubsidygrant@familyleague.org.

About Family League of Baltimore

Family League of Baltimore is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization and the designated Local Management Board for the City of Baltimore. Since 1991, the organization has worked collaboratively to support data-informed, community-driven solutions that align resources to dismantle the systemic barriers which limit the possibilities for children, families, and communities. Guided by core values of stewardship, performance, trust, respect, innovation, and equity, Family League invested \$21.8 million to 84 community-based partners in the 2024 fiscal year, benefiting more than 14,000 children, youth, and adults in Baltimore.

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