9-1-91 funds available

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115 million for CA 3 year fully cycle has been allocated formula not CA

Federal Child Care Block Grant Funds
March 26, 1991

Due to the (quick) requirements to obtain the federal funding by September 1, when funds will be released, much of AB 2141 will be administratively implemented before it is signed into law. (This will be done to permit local child care plans to benefit from funds available through the federal child care legislation which was passed as part of the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1990 in the closing days of the last Congress.)

FEDERAL FUNDS:

The 1990 federal child care package established two new grant programs: (1) A Child Care and Development Block Grant (CCDBG) to help pay for child care expenses for low-income families and to improve the quality of child care services; and (2) a child care entitlement program for working poor families under Title IV of the Social Security Act JOBS Program. Total funds available for California for Fiscal Year 1991-92 are approximately $110,000,000. The majority of these, probably 70-80%, will be available for planning by local child care planning bodies. Funds will be allocated to counties based upon a formula developed in 1980 by the Legislature and the State Department of Education. The formula takes into account population, AFDC population, and the degree to which state and federal funds are currently meeting the needs of low-income children. Draft regulations for the CCDBG have not yet been written.

Attached is a summary of major elements of the Federal Child Care grants copied from an analysis prepared by the National Conference of State Legislatures.

NOTE: TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE! CSAC recommends that you immediately appoint a liaison to meet with a counterpart from the County Board of Education to bring back an action plan expeditiously to both boards for the appointment of a local planning body. Even though many important administrative matters remain unresolved, planning bodies must be established, and plans must be submitted to the State Council by July 29, 1991. Failure to meet this deadline will result in available funds allocated based upon plans developed by the State Department of Education, which is the lead state agency.

We will provide you with additional information as it becomes available. Once sufficient information becomes available, CSAC will sponsor a seminar to provide assistance to local planners in complying with AB 2141, and in planning for Federal Child Care funds.

Attachment

Entities designated by the local planning council.

Provider rate typed.

(4-5 million)