



ARPA World Class ELC Grants Updates

The Division of Early Learning is investing in professional development through ARPA funding to offer and incentivize training opportunities to Early Childhood Educators. There are various grant opportunities available now until June 30, 2023.

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The Early Learning Coalition of Hillsborough County (elchc.org)

How to apply

Step 1: First, Directors or Owners

Complete the Initial Application in Webauthor and wait for approval. *Grant requires a completed W9 with EIN number. Blank W9 Form (Fillable W9) <https://www.irs.gov/pub/irs-pdf/fw9.pdf>

Step 2: Directors or Owners apply for staff or themselves:

- **Educator Bonus** (contracted and non-contracted)
 - Recruitment (staff hired on or after July 1, 2022)
 - Health and Safety (staff hired on or after July 1, 2022)
 - CLASS bonus (PreK or Infant Toddler)
 - Upskill Director
- **Child Success Grant and CLASS Observer Director** (Contracted and Non-contracted, CLASS score of 4.00 to 4.99 or no CLASS Score)
 - Directors/owners will need to complete W9 forms for individual staff members with SSN. Blank W9 Form (Fillable W9) <https://www.irs.gov/pub/irs-pdf/fw9.pdf>
- **Continuous Quality Improvement** (Contracted and CLASS score above 5.00)
 - Minimum of 24 hours
 - Must have full program implementation, including Director
 - Funds paid to program. Program Responsible for paying staff bonuses, and documentation (certificates and bonuses) must be submitted as proof
 - Entire training cost on budget must meet or exceed the budget originally submitted or DEL will require the entire grant to be repaid
 - See CQI guidance for important information

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