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### **IRVING EMERGENCY CHILDCARE PAYMENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM Applications Open Aug. 28**

**(IRVING, TEXAS)** — The City of Irving has launched a fourth CARES Act program; this one helps working parents and guardians pay for childcare. [Applications will be accepted online](#) beginning Aug. 28.

The program provides up to \$2,000 a month per household effected by COVID-19 and is available for up to three months. These payments are not loans; the funding is paid directly to the childcare provider.

#### **QUALIFICATIONS**— Households/Guardians must:

- Have been an Irving resident on or before March 1, 2020
- Have been or will be required to return to work at place of employment. Those working for an employer while based at home are not eligible.
- Show loss of income due to pandemic, such as loss of job, reduced hours, reduction in pay, increased healthcare expenses, added childcare expenses, etc.
- Not have received additional childcare assistance from CARES federal stimulus via another agency.

If approved for assistance, the childcare provider will be directed to invoice the city's administrator, ChildCareGroup, which will pay on behalf of the applicant. The childcare provider does not have to be based in Irving, but must be licensed or registered with the State of Texas.

#### **DOCUMENTATION**—Examples of what may be submitted for verification:

- Utility bills dated on or before March 1, 2020
- Bank statements

- Tax assessments
- Mortgage or rental documents
- Voter registration
- Correspondence from a government authority regarding Receipt of benefits, such as a pension
- Unemployment benefits
- Housing benefits

#### **LOSS OF INCOME**

- Notification from employer for loss of employment
- Notification from employer for reduced hours and/or pay
- Check stubs showing the difference

#### **RETURN TO WORK**

- Employer notification to return to work
- Employment offer/hire letter

For more information on the program, call Imelda Speck at (972) 721-2398 or [ispeck@CityofIrving.org](mailto:ispeck@CityofIrving.org). Visit [CityofIrving.org/COVID-Youth](http://CityofIrving.org/COVID-Youth) for more information. The city has teamed with [Workforce Solutions Greater Dallas \(WFS\)](#) and [ChildCareGroup \(CCG\)](#) to facilitate the program.