The Texas Workforce Commission is launching a new initiative to build the supply of high-quality child care across the state of Texas!

**Applications for funding open now!**

**Who’s eligible?**

You’re eligible to apply for funding if you want to expand the capacity of your existing child care business or want to open a new one **on or after March 1, 2022** and meet at least one of the following criteria:

- Located in a pre-defined child care desert (determined by location zip code);
- Operating in documented partnership with a local employer or consortium of employers to provide care for their employees’ children; and/or
- Increasing capacity for infants (0–17 months).

**How can YOU benefit?**

**Home- and center-based child care providers:**

Eligible providers can receive a **Start-Up Award** and an **Initial Operating Award** to offset the costs of startup, expansion, and the first three months of operations.

**Already open or recently expanded?**

Child care businesses that were permitted between March 1, 2022 and the date of application are eligible for **Initial Operating Awards**.

**Texas employers:**

Child care businesses can receive funding to help you provide quality child care for your employees. For more information, email expansion@civstrat.com.

Learn more!

[www.childcare.texas.gov/childcare-expansion](http://www.childcare.texas.gov/childcare-expansion)