# **Louisiana Department of Education**

American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA)

ARPA Survey
Grant Rounds 3 and 4



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# Agenda

- Overview and Timeline
- Accessing the LDOE Grant Portal and ARPA Grant Survey
- Completing the Survey
- **Common Questions**
- Next Steps and Resources



# **Overview and Timeline**



# **ARPA Stabilization Grants**

The Louisiana Department of Education (LDOE) has offered ARPA Stabilization Grants to providers. The Child Care Stabilization Fund is intended to provide direct financial support to all qualified child care providers (including Type I, II, & III licensed early learning centers, as well as CCAP certified In-Home and Family Child Care providers and Head Start/Early Head Start partner sites).

Per Federal requirements of the American Rescue Plan Act, to be qualified for the ARPA Stabilization Grants child care providers must meet the following eligibility criteria:

- Provider meets CCDF requirements, including health and safety
- Provider is licensed or CCAP certified
- Provider is open and providing child care services



# **ARPA Stabilization Grants**

- LDOE has partnered with the Early Childhood Grant Assessment Program to collect information regarding the use of ARPA grant funds. LDOE will also use this information to direct future technical assistance.
- The Early Childhood Grant Assessment Program is administered by the Louisiana Department of Education and is a continuation of work performed by Postlethwaite and Netterville.

# **ARPA Stabilization Grants**

- Participation in the survey is required. Failure to complete the survey may impact your future grant funding opportunities and you will be automatically chosen for an audit of the ARPA grants via the Office of **Inspector General (OIG).**
- The Early Childhood Grant Assessment Program is collecting your survey responses through an online portal. Surveys must be completed with a desktop/laptop browser. Mobile devices are not supported.



# **Timeline**

Survey	Date
Survey Email Notification and Portal Open:  Type III licensed early learning centers and Child Care Assistance Program (CCAP) certified in-home and family child care providers that received ARPA Grant Round 3, ARPA Grant Round 4, and/or the CCAP Bonus Grant Payment. Head Start/Early Head Start partner sites with before- and after-care services for CCAP children that received ARPA Grant Round 3 and/or 4.	Starting: Monday, April 1, 2024
<ul> <li>Survey Email Notification and Portal Open:</li> <li>Type I and II early learning centers that received ARPA Grant Round 3 and/or ARPA Grant Round 4.</li> </ul>	Starting: Wednesday, April 3, 2024
ARPA Grant Rounds 3 and 4 Survey <u>Deadline</u>	Thursday, April 18, 2024

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# Accessing the LDOE Grant Portal and ARPA Grant Survey



# **LDOE ARPA Grant Survey – Example Email**

All providers who received ARPA Grant Round 3, ARPA Grant Round 4, and/or the CCAP Bonus Grant Payment will receive an email like the example.

### Check your junk/spam folders for the email

**Sender:** Early Childhood Grant Assessment Program

Email address: info@ldoe-pnsurvey.com

Subject Line: LDOE ARPA Grant Survey - Rounds 3 and 4

The Louisiana Department of Education (LDOE) is conducting a survey related to the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Stabilization grants. LDOE has partnered with the Early Childhood Grant Assessment Program to collect information regarding the use of ARPA Stabilization grant funds. LDOE will also use this information to direct future technical assistance.

The Early Childhood Grant Assessment Program is administered by the Louisiana Department of Education and is a continuation of work performed by Postlethwaite and Netterville.

The following is a link to setup your account to complete the survey. The survey is open as of 4/1/2024, and you are required to complete the survey by 4/15/2024.

### Start Survey Now

Once you have selected the link above, you will be required to create a unique username and password. For any child care facilities that share the same email address, you will be required to complete a separate survey for each facility that received ARPA grant funds.

The survey must be completed on a desktop browser. Mobile devices are not supported.

A recorded presentation is available to assist with completion of the survey. You will be prompted to register to view the recording.

### View Recorded Presentation

Participation in the survey is required. Failure to complete the survey may impact your future grant funding opportunities and you will be automatically chosen for an audit of the ARPA grants via the Office of Inspector General (OIG).

In addition, a selection of providers will be chosen to provide records of expenses related to the use of ARPA funds. This communication serves as the clearance by the LDOE, authorizing the Early Childhood Grant Assessment Program to 1) request records, 2) retain/copy/scan records, and 3) interview personnel. We anticipate that this process will be performed remotely. Your full cooperation is expected.

If you have any questions regarding this communication, you may contact Provider Help Desk at 225-250-7635 or email <u>CCAPPHD@la.gov</u>. If you require technical assistance regarding how to complete the survey, you may contact Early Childhood Grant Assessment Program at info@ldoegrantprogram.com.

# **Accessing the LDOE Grant Portal**

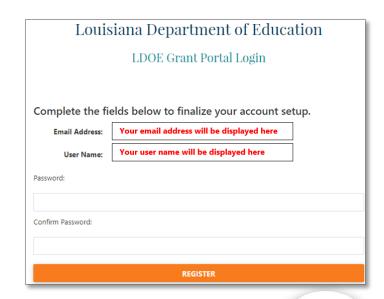
Types of providers required to access the LDOE Grant Portal ("portal") and complete the survey:

	New Users	Returning Users
center (CCAP) care pr	II, and III licensed early learning and Child Care Assistance Program certified in-home and family child voviders that have not previously ed the LDOE Grant Portal.	Type I, II, and III licensed early learning centers and CCAP certified In-Home and Family Child Care providers that previously completed the LaCAP grant surveys for grant rounds 1-6 (CCAP certified providers), LaCAP rounds 1-2 (non-CCAP certified providers), and/or ARPA Grant Rounds 1-2.
with be	Start/Early Head Start partner sites efore-care and after-care services for children that have not previously ed the LDOE Grant Portal.	<ul> <li>Type I, II, and III licensed early learning centers and CCAP certified In-Home and Family Child Care providers that were previously selected for the LaCAP and/or ARPA grant assessments.</li> <li>Users must access the portal with multifactor authentication (MFA).</li> </ul>

# **New Users Accessing the Portal**

Accessing the LDOE Grant Portal for the first time:

- New users are required to register by using/clicking the unique link that is included in the survey notification email and then setting up a password.
- The survey must be completed online using a desktop/laptop browser such as Google Chrome.
- Mobile devices are not supported.
- Save your password for future use.





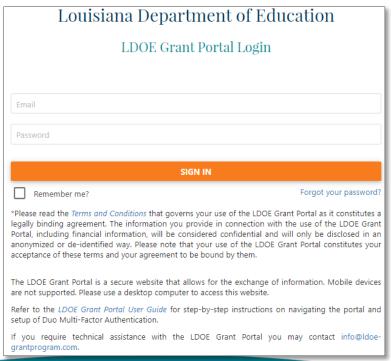
# Returning Users Accessing the Portal

Accessing the LDOE Grant Portal as a newly registered or returning user:

 Access the online portal by navigating to the link:

https://ldoe-grantprogram.com

- Familiarize yourself with the features listed below "SIGN IN":
  - Forgot your password?
  - Terms and Conditions
  - LDOE Grant Portal User Guide



# Returning Users Accessing the Portal with MFA

Accessing the LDOE Grant Portal as a returning user who participated in the prior LaCAP and/or ARPA grant assessments:

Access the online portal by navigating to the link:

https://ldoe-grantprogram.com

After entering your password, you will be prompted to select the authentication method for multi-factor authentication (MFA) that you previously set-up.



# **Completing the Survey**



# **Your Providers**

Click the View button in the grid to start submission of a new survey or to reference back to a prior survey submission.

				ck to a pric	or submission.						
	Survey Type	T	License Number	T	Survey Close Date	T	Facility Name	T	Provider Status	T	Last Updated
		•								*	
View	CCAP, Round 1-5		00000		09/08/2021		Example Provider		Submitted		
View	ARPA, Rounds 1-2		00000		01/27/2023		Example Provider		Submitted		
View	ARPA, Rounds 3-4		00000		04/18/2024		Example Provider		Not Submitted		



# **Your Providers**

• Survey Types listed within Your Providers will include all prior surveys and the ARPA Round 3-4 survey.

Only the ARPA, Rounds 3-4 and ARPA, Rounds 3-4, Type I/II survey will be open and can be submitted.

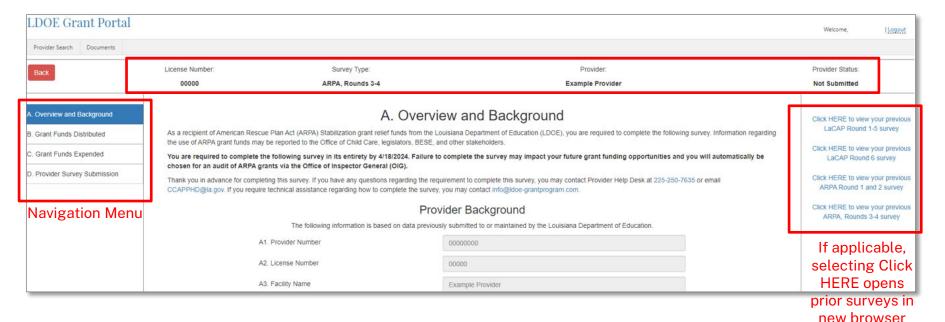
Survey Type	Grant Type	Provider Population
CCAP, Round 1 - 5	Laviaiana Child Cara Assistanas	Type III, Family Child Care and In Home Providers
CCAP, Round 6	Louisiana Child Care Assistance Program (LaCAP)	Type III, Family Child Care and In Home Providers
Non-CCAP, Type I/II	Program (Lacar)	Type I and II early learning centers
ARPA, Rounds 1-2	American Descus Dian Ast	Type III, Family Child Care and In Home Providers
ARPA, Rounds 3-4	American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA)	Type III, Family Child Care and In Home Providers
ARPA, Rounds 3-4, Type I/II	(ARPA)	Type I and II early learning centers

For any child care providers that share the same email address, a separate survey will appear within the Your
Providers section. You are required to complete a separate <u>ARPA Round 3 – 4</u> survey for each facility listed
that has a Provider Status of Not Submitted.

### **EXAMPLE**

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# Section A. Overview and Background

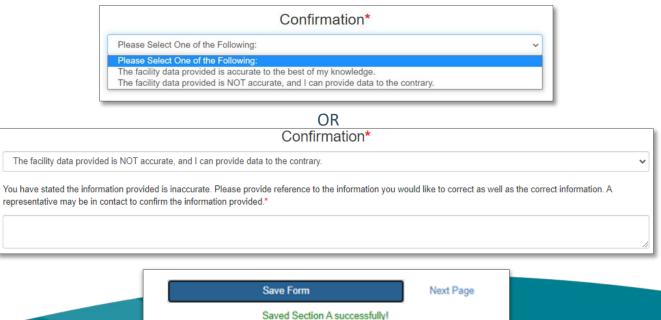
From the Confirmation section, confirm the accuracy of the information.

A. Overv	iew and Background	EXAMPLE				
As a recipient of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Stabilization grant relief funds from the Louisiana Departr be reported to the Office of Child Care, legislators, BESE, and other stakeholders.	ment of Education (LDOE), you are required to complete the following survey. Information regarding	ng the use of ARPA grant funds may				
You are required to complete the following survey in its entirety by 4/18/2024. Failure to complete the via the Office of Inspector General (OIG).	survey may impact your future grant funding opportunities and you will automatically be cl	hosen for an audit of ARPA grants				
Thank you in advance for completing this survey. If you have any questions regarding the requirement to comassistance regarding how to complete the survey, you may contact info@idoe-grantprogram.com.	plete this survey, you may contact Provider Help Desk at 225-250-7635 or email CCAPPHD@la.g	ov. If you require technical				
Pro	vider Background					
The following information is based on data previous	usly submitted to or maintained by the Louisiana Department of Education.					
A1. Provider Number	00000000					
A2. License Number	00000					
A3. Facility Name	Example Provider					
A4. Facility Address						
A4.i. Address 1	Example Address					
A4.ii. Address 2						
A4.iii. City	Example City					
A4.iv. Postal/Zip Code	00000					
	Confirmation*					
Please Select One of the Following:	Please Select One of the Following:					
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# Section A. Overview and Background

- Two options are available within the Confirmation section.
- Click "Save Form" after the response is selected.



# **Section B. Grant Funds Distributed**

### Survey Type: ARPA, Rounds 3-4

- Information is based on data maintained by the Louisiana Department of Education.
  - ARPA Grant Round 3 was distributed around April/May 2023.
  - ARPA Grant Round 4 was distributed around August/September 2023.
  - CCAP Bonus Grant Payment was distributed in September 2023.
- View the information and click "Next Page"

### **EXAMPLE**

B. Grant Funds Distributed			
The following information is based on data previously submitted to or maintained by the Louisiana Department of Education.			
B1. ARPA Grant 3:	\$100,000.00		
B2. ARPA Grant 4:	\$35,000.00		
B3. CCAP Bonus Grant Payment:	\$22,528.00		
B4. Total ARPA Grant Funds Distributed to Provider:	\$157,528.00		
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# **Section B. Grant Funds Distributed**

Survey Type: ARPA Rounds 3-4, Type I/II

- Information is based on data maintained by the Louisiana Department of Education.
  - ARPA Grant Round 3 was distributed around April/May 2023.
  - ARPA Grant Round 4 was distributed around August/September 2023.
- View the information and click "Next Page"

### **EXAMPLE**

B. Grant Funds Distributed		
The following information is based on data previo	usly submitted to or maintained by the Louisiana Department of Education.	
\$1. ARPA Grant 3: \$110,000.00		
B2. ARPA Grant 4: \$40,000.00  B3. Total ARPA Grant Funds Distributed to Provider: \$150,000.00		
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Survey Type: ARPA, Rounds 3-4

Enter the total amount of expenses paid with ARPA Round 3, ARPA Round 4, and/or the CCAP Bonus Grant Payment as of 3/31/2024

### C. Grant Funds Expended as of 3/31/2024

- C1. Enter the total amount of expenses paid with ARPA grant funds as of 3/31/2024. In response to this question: \*
  - The total amount should be based on the following grant funds:
    - ARPA Grant Round 3, which was distributed around April/May 2023.
    - ARPA Grant Round 4, which was distributed around August/September 2023.
    - CCAP Bonus Grant Payment, which was distributed in September 2023.
  - Do not enter expenses paid with grant funds from LaCAP or ARPA Rounds 1 and/or 2.
  - ARPA grant funds could have been used for eligible expenses since January 31, 2020, unless otherwise noted in guidance provided by the Louisiana Department of Education.
  - If ARPA grant funds from Round 3, 4, and/or the CCAP Bonus Grant Payment have not been expended as of 3/31/2024, select the appropriate checkbox below.

\$		□ No ARPA grant funds from Grant Rounds 3, 4, or the CCAP Bonus Grant Payment have been expended as of 3/31/202
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You **cannot** enter an amount that is greater than what was distributed to the facility as shown in Section B. Grant Funds Distributed

Survey Type: ARPA Rounds 3-4, Type I/II

Enter the total amount of expenses paid with ARPA Round 3 and/or ARPA Round 4 as of 3/31/2024

# C. Grant Funds Expended as of 3/31/2024 C1. Enter the total amount of expenses paid with ARPA grant funds as of 3/31/2024. In response to this question: \* • The total amount should be based on ARPA grant funds received by the facility in Grant Rounds 3 and 4, which were distributed around April/May 2023 and August/September 2023, respectively. • Do not enter expenses paid with grant funds from LaCAP or ARPA Rounds 1 and/or 2. • ARPA grant funds could have been used for eligible expenses since January 31, 2020, unless otherwise noted in guidance provided by the Louisiana Department of Education. • If ARPA grant funds from Round 3 and 4 have not been expended as of 3/31/2024, select the appropriate checkbox below.

You **cannot** enter an amount that is greater than what was distributed to the facility as shown in Section B. Grant Funds Distributed



Survey Type: ARPA, Rounds 3-4

### EXAMPLE: ERROR - C1 exceeds B4 B. Grant Funds Distributed The following information is based on data previously submitted to or maintained by the Louisiana Department of Education. B1 ARPA Grant 3: \$100.000.00 B2 ARPA Grant 4: \$35,000.00 B3. CCAP Bonus Grant Payment: \$22,528.00 B4. Total ARPA Grant Funds Distributed to Provider: \$157 528 00 Previous Page Next Page

You **cannot** enter an amount that is greater than what was distributed to the facility as shown in Section B. Grant Funds Distributed

C1. Enter the total amount of expenses paid with ARPA grant funds as of 3/31/2024. In response to this question: *
The total amount should be based on the following grant funds:
<ul> <li>ARPA Grant Round 3, which was distributed around April/May 2023.</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>ARPA Grant Round 4, which was distributed around August/September 2023.</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>CCAP Bonus Grant Payment, which was distributed in September 2023.</li> </ul>

- Do not enter expenses paid with grant funds from LaCAP or ARPA Rounds 1 and/or 2.
- ARPA grant funds could have been used for eligible expenses since January 31, 2020, unless otherwise noted in guidance provided by the Louisiana Department of Education.
- If ARPA grant funds from Round 3, 4, and/or the CCAP Bonus Grant Payment have not been expended as of 3/31/2024, select the appropriate checkbox below.

The t	otal amount of expenses you entered as paid with ARPA	Grant Funds exceeds the total grant funds distrib	outed to your facility as shown in Sectio	B. Grant Funds Distributed	. Please review and ma

ke the necessary adjustments

□ No ARPA grant funds from Grant Rounds 3, 4, or the CCAP Bonus Grant Payment have been expended as of 3/31/2024



\$ 200,000,00

Survey Type: ARPA Rounds 3-4, Type I/II

EXAMPLE: ERROR - C1 exceeds B3



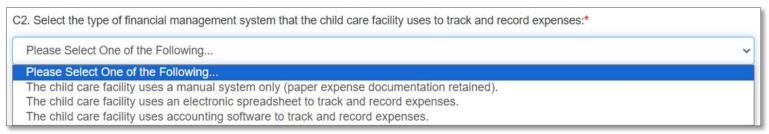
You **cannot** enter an amount that is greater than what was distributed to the facility as shown in Section B. Grant Funds Distributed

- C1. Enter the total amount of expenses paid with ARPA grant funds as of 3/31/2024. In response to this question: \*
- The total amount should be based on ARPA grant funds received by the facility in Grant Rounds 3 and 4, which were distributed around April/May 2023 and August/September 2023, respectively.
- Do not enter expenses paid with grant funds from LaCAP or ARPA Rounds 1 and/or 2.
- ARPA grant funds could have been used for eligible expenses since January 31, 2020, unless otherwise noted in guidance provided by the Louisiana Department of Education.
- If ARPA grant funds from Round 3 and 4 have not been expended as of 3/31/2024, select the appropriate checkbox below.

\$	450.000.00	□ No ARPA grant funds from Grant Rounds 3 and 4 have been expended as of 3/31/2024
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The total amount of expenses you entered as paid with ARPA Grant Funds exceeds the total grant funds distributed to your facility as shown in Section B. Grant Funds Distributed. Please review and make the necessary adjustments.

 Select the type of financial management system used by the child care facility to track and record expenses.



If the third option is chosen, you must enter the accounting software used in the field provided.

C2. Select the type of financial management system that the child care facility uses to track and record expenses:*	
The child care facility uses accounting software to track and record expenses.	~
Accounting Software Used	



- Select the type(s) of documentation retained to the support the expenses.
  - Multiple categories can be selected.
- If Other is chosen, you must enter a description of those other records in the field provided.
- If no records have been retained, select the last checkbox.

C3. Splect the type(s) of decumentation retained that supports the expenses. If applicable, multiple categories should be selected.*			
C3. Select the type(s) of documentation retained that supports the expenses. If applicable, multiple categories should be selected.*			
✓ Payroll records	☑ Rent or mortgage agreements EXAMPLE		
☐ Purchase orders	✓ Utility statements		
□ Invoices	☐ Bank statements		
□ Receipts	□ Other		
□ Contracts	☐ No records have been retained		



Survey Type: ARPA, Rounds 3-4

C4. For each category listed below, enter the amount of expenses that were paid with ARPA grant funds as of 3/31/2024. In response to this question: \*

- The total amount should be based on the following grant funds:
  - ARPA Grant Round 3, which was distributed around April/May 2023.
  - ARPA Grant Round 4, which was distributed around August/September 2023.
  - CCAP Bonus Grant Payment, which was distributed in September 2023.
- Do not enter expenses paid with grant funds from LaCAP or ARPA Rounds 1 and/or 2.
- ARPA grant funds could have been used for eligible expenses since January 31, 2020, unless otherwise noted in guidance provided by the Louisiana Department of Education.
- · If applicable, multiple categories should be selected.
- . Enter 0 if no ARPA grant funds were used for each provided category. \*

Please refer to the attached PDF for additional examples of the allowable use of ARPA grant funds. This information is provided as a reference and is not comprehensive.

	Expenditure Categories		
C4.i	Personnel Costs - Payroll		
C4.ii	Other Personnel Costs		
C4.iii	Facility Costs		
C4.iv	COVID-19 Personal Protective Equipment		

Expenditure Categories		
C4.v	COVID-19 Equipment and Supplies	
C4.vi	Operating Materials and Services	
C4.vii	Mental Health Services	
C4.viii	Other	



Survey Type: ARPA Rounds 3-4, Type I/II

C4. For each category listed below, enter the amount of expenses that were paid with ARPA grant funds **as of 3/31/2024**. In response to this question: \*

- The amounts should be based on ARPA grant funds received by the facility in Grant Rounds 3 and 4, which were distributed around April/May 2023 and August/September 2023, respectively.
- Do not enter expenses paid with grant funds from LaCAP or ARPA Rounds 1 and/or 2.
- ARPA grant funds could have been used for eligible expenses since January 31, 2020, unless otherwise noted in guidance provided by the Louisiana Department of Education.
- · If applicable, multiple categories should be selected.
- Enter 0 if no ARPA grant funds were used for each provided category. \*

Please refer to the attached PDF for additional examples of the allowable use of ARPA grant funds. This information is provided as a reference and is not comprehensive.

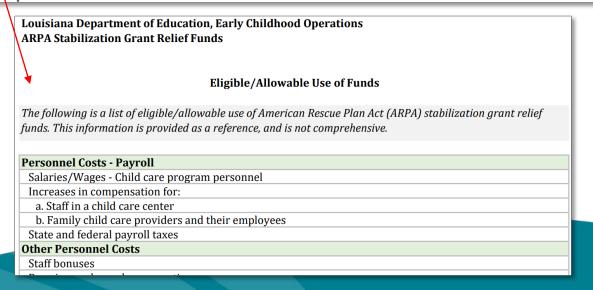
	Expenditure Categories		
C4.i	Personnel Costs - Payroll		
C4.ii	Other Personnel Costs		
C4.iii Facility Costs			
C4.iv	COVID-19 Personal Protective Equipment		

Expenditure Categories		
C4.v	COVID-19 Equipment and Supplies	
C4.vi	Operating Materials and Services	
C4.vii	Mental Health Services	
C4.viii	Other	



- Select the link to an "attached PDF" to open the list of allowable use of ARPA grant funds in a separate browser.
- The two-page file includes examples per expenditure category.

Please refer to the attached PDF for additional examples of the allowable use of ARPA grant funds. This information is provided as a reference and is not comprehensive.

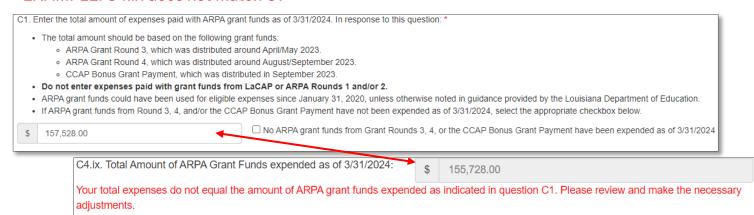




C4.i. F	ersor	nnel Costs - Payroll		EXAMPLE
	Expe	nditures in this section may include, but are	e not limited to, all full-time and part-time staff wages, and state and federal payroll taxes.	LAMIVIFEL
	\$	137,528.00		
C4.ii. (	Other	Personnel Costs		
			e not limited to, employee benefits (benefits, retirement contributions, staff bonuses, stipends, premium fessional development for new and existing staff, and employee transportation to/from work (if applicab	
	\$	19,500.00		
C4.iii.	Facilit	ty Costs		
			e not limited to, rent or mortgage payments, utilities, property insurance, property taxes, maintenance, l rance, minor facility construction or renovation costs, and facility maintenance.	ate fees related to late
	\$	0.00	← Enter Zero (0.00) if grant funds were not used in a specific expend	diture category
C4.iv.	COVI	D-19 Personal Protective Equipment		
		nditures in this section may include, but are costs, or the costs of tests purchased in re	e not limited to, personal protective equipment (PPE), including masks, cleaning and sanitation supplies sponse to COVID-19.	s and services, cleaning
	\$	500.00		

- The total from the amounts entered in Question C4 (C4.i. through C4.viii.) as shown in C4.ix. must match the total entered in C1.
- If these do not match, there will be an error in Section C and Section D and you will not be able to submit the survey.

### EXAMPLE: C4.ix does not match C1



Section D Error Display: Section C: C1 and C4 must match - Invalid Response

Select "No" or "Yes" to question C5 regarding technical assistance.

No

• If you select "Yes", describe the type of technical assistance that you are interested in receiving in reference to stabilizing your business and/or using the funds.

Yes O				
OR				
C5. Is there any type of technical assistance that you are interested in receiving in reference to stabilizing your bus	siness and/or using these funds?			
No 🔾				
Yes				
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C5. Is there any type of technical assistance that you are interested in receiving in reference to stabilizing your business and/or using these funds?



# **Section D. Provider Survey Submission – Errors Exist**

If there are any questions that do not have response or the response cannot be accepted, then you must navigate to the prior page, correct the response, and <u>click 'Save Form' at the bottom of the</u> section (A or C).

### D. Survey Submission

By entering your name below, you are signing this survey electronically and certifying that the information submitted within the survey is true and accurate to the best of your knowledge. Providing false, misleading, or incomplete information may result in recoupment of grant funds, ineligibility to participate in future grant funding, or prosecution.

You furthermore agree your electronic signature is the legal equivalent of your physical signature and serves the same function as signing and dating a document which certifies that all information contained in any document is true and correct to the best of your knowledge.

Section A: Is Information Accurate - No Response Selected

Section C: C1. Grant Funds Expended - No Response Selected

Section C: C2. Accounting Software Used - No Response Selected

Section C: C3. Documentation Description - No Response Selected

Section C: C4.i. Personnel Costs - Payroll - No Response Selected

Section C: C4.ii. Other Personnel Costs - No Response Selected

Section C: C4.iii. Facility Costs - No Response Selected

Section C: C4.iv. COVID-19 Personal Protective Equipment - No Response Selected

Section C: C4.v. COVID-19 Equipment and Supplies - No Response Selected

Section C: C4.vi. Operating Materials and Services - No Response Selected

Section C: C4.vii. Mental Health Services - No Response Selected

Section C: C4.viii. Other - No Response Selected

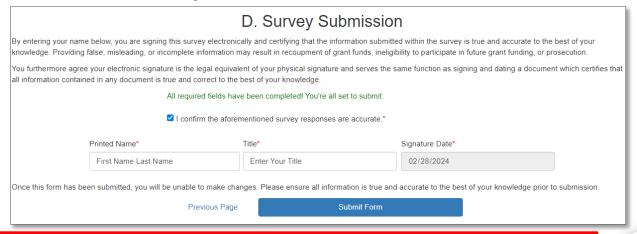
Section C: C5. Do you require technical assistance? - No Response Selected

Section C: C1 and C4 must match - Invalid Response



# Section D. Provider Survey Submission

- Once all exceptions are corrected, you will be required to certify the information is true and accurate to the best of your knowledge.
- Select the confirmation checkbox, enter your name, and title.
- Click Submit Form



Once the survey is submitted you will be unable to make changes. Ensure all information is true and accurate to the best of your knowledge prior to submission.

## **How to Confirm Survey Submission**

#### **Header Section** License Number: Provider Status: Survey Type: Provider: ARPA, Rounds 3-4 **Example Provider**

#### Your Providers

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		Your Providers										
	Please click the "View" button in the grid below to start submission of a new survey or to reference back to a prior submission											
	Survey Type	License Number	Survey Close Date	Facility Name	Provider Status	Last Updated	Funds Exp					
Clear												
View	ARPA, Rounds 3-4	00000	04/18/2024	Example Provider	Submitted	04/15/2024	\$4					
View	ARPA, Rounds 3-4	00000	04/18/2024	Example Provider #2	Submitted	04/15/2024	\$!					

Submitted



- Who is required to participate in the ARPA Grant surveys?
  - Type I, II, and III licensed early learning centers and Child Care Assistance Program
    (CCAP) certified in-home and family child care providers that received ARPA Grant Round
    3, ARPA Grant Round 4, and/or the CCAP Bonus Grant Payment.
  - Head Start/Early Head Start partner sites with before- and after-care services for CCAP children that received ARPA Grant Round 3 and/or 4.
- Are closed providers required to participate in the surveys?
  - Yes, child care providers that received ARPA Grant Round 3, ARPA Grant Round 4, and/or the CCAP Bonus Grant Payment and are currently closed are required to participate in the grant survey(s).

- Are providers who have not spent any of the funds from ARPA Round 3, ARPA Round 4, and/or the CCAP Bonus Grant payment required to participate?
  - Yes, child care providers that received ARPA grant funds are required to participate, regardless of the amount of ARPA grand funds spent.
  - O If grant funds from ARPA Round 3, ARPA Round 4, and/or the CCAP Bonus Grant Payment have **NOT** been expended as of 3/31/2024, select the checkbox in C1.\*
  - C1. Enter the total amount of expenses paid with ARPA grant funds as of 3/31/2024. In response to this question: \*
    - . The total amount should be based on the following grant funds:
      - · ARPA Grant Round 3, which was distributed around April/May 2023.
      - · ARPA Grant Round 4, which was distributed around August/September 2023.
      - CCAP Bonus Grant Payment, which was distributed in September 2023
    - . Do not enter expenses paid with grant funds from LaCAP or ARPA Rounds 1 and/or 2.
    - ARPA grant funds could have been used for eligible expenses since January 31, 2020, unless otherwise noted in guidance provided by the Louisiana Department of Education.
    - If ARPA grant funds from Round 3, 4, and/or the CCAP Bonus Grant Payment have not been expended as of 3/31/2024, select the appropriate checkbox below.

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No ARPA grant funds from Grant Rounds 3, 4, or the CCAP Bonus Grant Payment have been expended as of 3/31/2024

<sup>\*</sup>C1 bullet points vary slightly between survey types.

- When were the ARPA grants distributed?
  - ARPA Grant Round 3 was distributed around April/May 2023.
  - ARPA Grant Round 4 was distributed around August/September 2023.
  - CCAP Bonus Grant Payment was distributed in September 2023.
  - Information regarding the amounts distributed to the provider are available in Section B.
     Grant Funds Distributed within each survey.
- What are the timelines for the survey?
  - The survey will be available during the week of April 1, 2024.
    - Survey emails will be sent directly to providers during the week of 4/1/2024 4/5/2024.
  - The survey must be completed by the deadline of April 18, 2024.

- Can I access the LDOE Grant Portal with my smartphone?
  - No, the survey must be completed online using a desktop/laptop browser, such as Google Chrome. <u>Mobile devices are not supported.</u>
- What should I do if I never received an email?
  - O Survey notification emails will be sent during the week of April 1, 2024.
  - If you haven't received an email by 2pm on Friday, April 5<sup>th</sup>, search your inbox, junk, and spam folders for an email from info@ldoe-pnsurvey.com.
    - If you are unable to locate, email <u>info@ldoe-grantprogram.com</u> and include your license number and facility name.
- What should I do if my email address and/or phone number has changed?
  - O Email <u>info@ldoe-grantprogram.com</u> and include your license number, facility name, and updated contact information.

- Where is the link to access the portal?
  - O If you have not previously registered, you will receive a unique link in the email that is sent directly to you. If previously registered, you can access the portal by entering your prior login information on the portal login page at <a href="https://ldoe-grantprogram.com">https://ldoe-grantprogram.com</a>
- Who do I contact if the survey link or LDOE Grant Portal is not working?
  - O If you experience technical issues accessing the LDOE Grant Portal, reach out to the Early Childhood Grant Assessment Program via email at <a href="mailto:info@ldoe-grantprogram.com">info@ldoe-grantprogram.com</a>.
    - Include your license number, facility name, and a description of the issue and/or error message. If possible, include a screenshot showing the error.

#### How do I reset my password?

O If you have previously registered and need to reset your password, click on "Forgot Your Password?" on the login page. You must use the same email that was previously used to register. Follow the prompts to reset the password.

#### How do I access my prior survey responses?

- After you login to the LDOE Grant Portal, you can access all survey responses from the "Your Providers" page next to the survey type CCAP, Round 1-5; CCAP, Round 6; Non-CCAP, Type I/II, or ARPA, Rounds 1-2.
- Expenses paid for with LaCAP grant funds or ARPA Grant Rounds 1-2 funds should not be entered into the ARPA Grant Round 3 and 4 survey response.

- What is the time period for expenses to be included in Section C. Grant Funds Expended?
  - Expenses paid through 3/31/2024 with funds from ARPA Grant Round 3, ARPA Grant Round 4, and/or the CCAP Bonus Grant Payment received by the facility should be entered.
  - ARPA grant funds could have been used for eligible expenses since January 31, 2020, unless otherwise noted in guidance provided by the Louisiana Department of Education.
  - O If ARPA grant funds from ARPA Round 3, 4, and/or the CCAP Bonus Grant Payment have not been expended as of **3/31/2024**, select the checkbox in response to Question C1. of the survey.



- If I previously received LaCAP grant funds, should this be included in the information entered in Section C. Grant Funds Expended?
  - No, only expenses paid with ARPA Grants received in ARPA Grant Round 3, ARPA Grant Round 4, and/or the CCAP Bonus Grant Payment should be entered in the ARPA grant survey.
  - Expenses paid for with LaCAP grant funds or ARPA Grant Rounds 1-2 funds should not be entered into the ARPA Grant Round 3 and 4 survey response.



- Do I need to provide grant fund expense supporting documentation with the survey response?
  - O No, you do not need to provide supporting documentation <u>at this time</u>. Supporting documentation will be required if a provider is selected to participate in the grant assessment.
- Where can I find examples of allowable use of ARPA grant funds?
  - Within each survey, select the link to an 'attached PDF' below question C4 in Section C.
     Grant Funds Expended.

Please refer to the attached PDF for additional examples of the allowable use of ARPA grant funds. This information is provided as a reference and is not comprehensive.

- If the expenditure paid with ARPA grant funds is not specifically listed as an example of eligible/allowable use, how do I find out if it is allowable and/or if I should include it within my submission of ARPA Grant survey?
  - The eligible/allowable use list is **not** comprehensive, but rather provides examples. If you have questions regarding the eligible use of ARPA grant funds, please contact the LDOE Provider Help Desk at (225) 250-7635 or <a href="mailto:CCAPPHD@la.gov">CCAPPHD@la.gov</a>
- Can I save my entries and come back to the survey before submitting the survey information in the LDOE Grant Portal?
  - Yes, use the "Save Form" function frequently to save your progress.



- Can I edit my submission of ARPA Grant survey (add/remove amounts, revise categories)?
  - Once the survey has been Submitted in Section D. Provider Survey Submission, you **cannot** edit or make changes to the submission.
  - O If you submit the ARPA Grant survey information in error, reach out to the Early Childhood Grant Assessment Program via the email <a href="mailto:info@ldoe-grantprogram.com">info@ldoe-grantprogram.com</a>
- How can I confirm that my survey was successfully submitted?
  - Once the survey is successfully submitted, the Provider Status will show as Submitted. The Provider Status is available in the header section of each survey screen and within the "Your Providers" section after logging into the portal.

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	Please click the "View" button in the grid below to start submission of a new survey or to reference back to a prior submission.											
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- What should I do if I can not submit my survey?
  - If you attempt to complete the survey and the status does not change, please try the actions below:
    - O Click "Save Form" before clicking "Next page".
    - In Section A. Overview and Background, confirm that you have selected an option from the drop down menu and select "Save Form" at the bottom of the section.
    - In Section C. Grant Funds Expended as of 3/31/2024, confirm that the amount in C1 (top of the page) agrees to the amount in C4.ix (bottom of the page).
    - In Section C. Grant Funds Expended as of 3/31/2024, check that all questions have an amount. For expenditure categories with a zero amount, enter \$0.00 and do not leave the field blank.
    - O Section D. Provider Survey Submission will show all questions that are not answered in red, which are preventing the survey submission.

# **Next Steps and Resources**

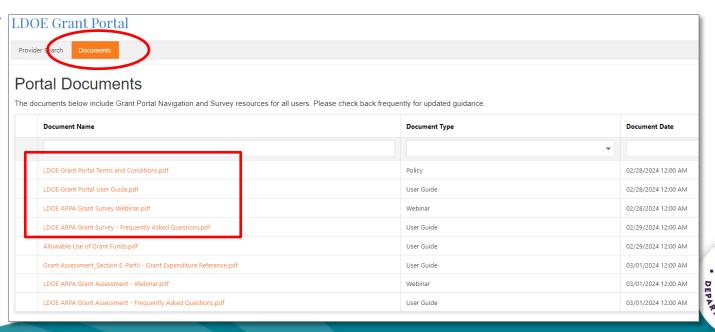


#### **Portal Documents**

Documents section available in the top left of the screen that contains various reference material.

Click the "Document Name" of the file in orange to open the document in a separate browser

window.



### **Next Steps**

- The ARPA grant survey opens during the week of April 1, 2024. The deadline to submit your survey response within the LDOE Grant Portal is Thursday, April 18, 2024.
- Once you receive the survey notification email, access the LDOE Grant Portal and complete the ARPA Grant Survey by entering all expenses paid with ARPA grant funds from ARPA Round 3, ARPA Round 4, and/or the CCAP Bonus Grant Payment as of 3/31/2024.
- A sample of providers will be selected to participate in the grant assessment, which is anticipated to begin in the Spring of 2024. A separate email communication will be sent directly to the sampled providers. Those providers must upload the requested supporting documentation by the deadline in the LDOE Grant Portal. An additional webinar recording will be made available to those providers.

#### **Contact Information**

- Questions regarding the requirement to participate in the survey should be directed to LDOE Provider Help Desk at (225) 250-7635 or CCAPPHD@la.gov
- Technical assistance questions regarding how to use the online LDOE Grant Portal should be directed to the Early Childhood Grant Assessment Program at <a href="mailto:info@ldoe-grantprogram.com">info@ldoe-grantprogram.com</a>
- Please do not call Early Childhood Grant Assessment Program phone lines, as the operator is unable to assist. Send an email to Early Childhood Grant Assessment Program at <a href="mailto:info@ldoe-grantprogram.com">info@ldoe-grantprogram.com</a> and a team member will contact you via email or phone within 1-2 business days.

## **Thank You!**

