

2023 CWELCC Updates for Licensed Child Care Providers in Peel

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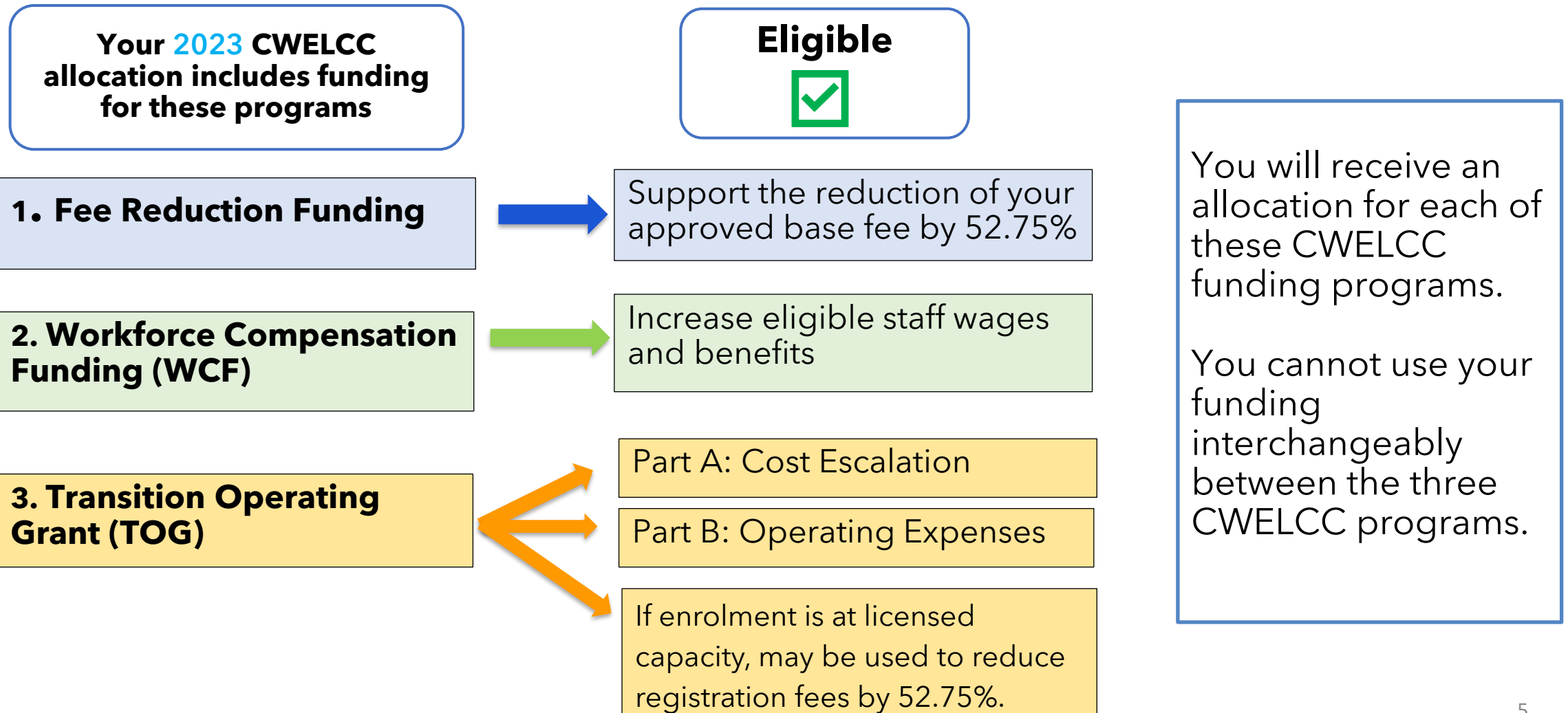
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2023 CWELCC Guideline Updates: Transition Operating Grant (TOG)



CWELCC – Funding Flexibility Overview



Transition Operating Grant (TOG) - Overview

- TOG is intended to address cost increases that are beyond your control that may impact your ability to participate in CWELCC while remaining viable.
- Child care providers participating in CWELCC will receive the TOG which includes:
 - **Part A: Cost Escalation Allocation:** to support inflationary increases or changes to costs
 - **Part B: Operating Allocation:** to support administration, special purpose expenses and additional operating costs
- Your TOG payments will begin the first week of March. The first payment will include January/February/March amounts.
- We will share a **Planning Tool** to support you with the TOG.
- A separate process for providers requiring additional TOG funding will be released later this year.
 - You will need to submit information on why additional funding is required and for the Region to determine reasonability of funding request as part of this process.

Transition Operating Grant (TOG) – Allocations for Centre-Based Providers

	You have a CWELCC, Fee Subsidy, and Wage Enhancement Contract	You have a CWELCC and Wage Enhancement Contract
Part A: Cost Escalation Allocation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2.75% Inflation on Base Fees • 2.75% Inflation on General Operating Allocation for centre-based providers who received GOF in 2022 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2.75% Inflation on Base Fees
Part B: Operating Allocation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Administration for GOF, WEG, WIF • Special Purpose Allocation (repairs and maintenance, play-based toys and equipment, transformation) • Additional changing costs to implement CWELCC and remain viable 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Administration for WEG • Additional changing costs to implement CWELCC and remain viable

Transition Operating Grant (TOG) – Allocations for LHCC Agencies

	You have a CWELCC, Fee Subsidy, and Wage Enhancement Contract	You have a CWELCC, Wage Enhancement Contract
Part A: Cost Escalation Allocation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2.75% Inflation on Base Fees • 2.75% Inflation on GOF SWB and Payment to Provider components who received Base Funding in 2022 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2.75% Inflation on Base Fees
Part B: Operating Allocation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Administration for Base Funding, WEG, WIF • Additional changing costs to implement CWELCC and remain viable 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Administration for WEG • Additional changing costs to implement CWELCC and remain viable

TOG – Part B: Eligible and Ineligible Expenses

Eligible Expenses

Increases to:

- ✓ Rent/lease costs
- ✓ Nutrition/food costs
- ✓ Staff salaries and benefits (e.g., cost of living increases) for both program staff and child care management staff
- ✓ Administration costs associated with implementing the CWELCC program, such as software upgrades
- ✓ Cost of audited financial statements for the licensed child care portion of your business
- ✓ Costs to meet reporting requirements
- ✓ Special Purpose expenses if eligible (repairs and maintenance, play-based toys and equipment, transformation)
- ✓ If your enrolment is at licensed capacity, you may use your TOG to reduce registration fees by 52.75%.

Ineligible Expenses

- Debt costs including principal and interest payments related to loans (capital and operating) and mortgages
- Property taxes
- Bonuses (including retiring bonuses), gifts, honoraria
- Professional organization fees paid on behalf of staff/memberships in professional organizations (e.g., College of ECEs)
- Non-arms length transaction costs, unless conducted at fair market value
- Child care management compensation (outside of regular salaries and benefits received in the calendar year), including but not limited to transportation and meal expenses, retirement packages, deferred compensation, management bonuses
- Personal expenses
- Non-base fees

Refer to Section 7 of the Region's updated 2023 CWELCC Guideline for the full list of TOG eligible and ineligible expenses

2023 CWELCC Guideline Updates: Reporting Requirements



Transition Operating Grant (TOG) – GovGrants and Reporting

	GovGrants Budget Category	Reporting Requirements
Part A: Cost Escalation Allocation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> will appear in the “Other” budget category in GovGrants 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ must be spent on the proportion of the eligible expenses that supports children aged 0-5 years for programs ✓ will not be recovered
Part B: Operating Allocation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> will appear in “Other Fixed Expenses” budget category of GovGrants (centres and LHCC with CWELCC only) will appear in “Base Funding Operating” budget category of GovGrants (LHCC with FSA) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ must be used to support expenses for programs with children aged 0-12 years ✓ will be reconciled, and any unspent funding will be recovered ✓ you will be required to report the amount of funding spent by age category (CWELCC eligible children aged 0-5 and children aged 0-12)

CWELCC Reporting in OCCMS

The following data will be reported in OCCMS starting in April 2023:

- **Vacancies** (# available spaces that are currently vacant per program)
 - **Operating Capacity** (# of children the centre/home child care is planning to serve)
 - **Waitlist** (# of children on wait list)
 - **#Full Fee Children** (receiving a CWELCC fee reduction)
 - **#Full Fee Spaces** (occupied with a full fee-paying child that received the CWELCC fee reduction)
- This will be an aggregate reporting
 - Centre-based providers will report at site level
 - Home child care agencies will report at head office level

CWELCC Child Care Expansion Plan



CWELCC Expansion Highlights



On December 19, 2022 the Ministry of Education released an Access and Inclusion Framework which included CWELCC expansion plan that supports targeted but limited growth in the CWELCC program.



Expansion plan allocations are specific to 0-5 child care spaces with an increased focus on access. New spaces will include both not-for-profit and for-profit and home-based and centre-based settings.



Start-up grants will be made available to support the creation of new spaces in targeted communities.

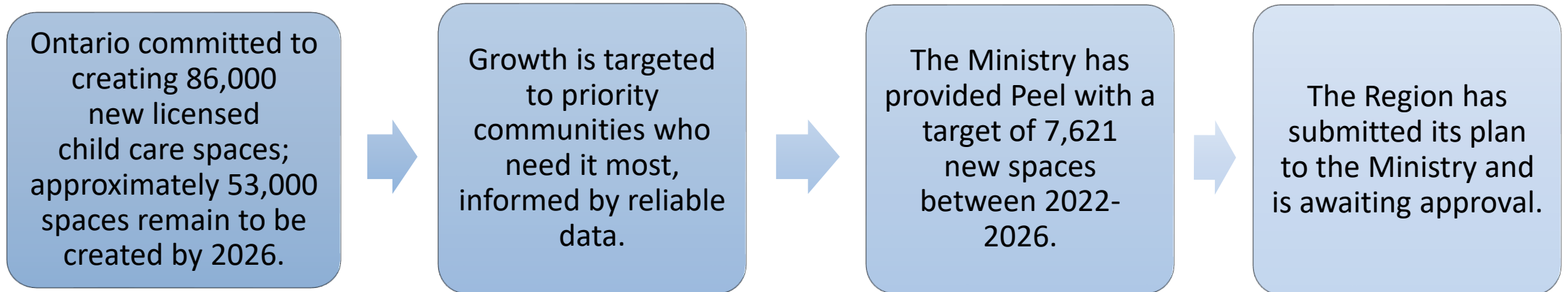


We are working with the Ministry to support the creation of affordable child care spaces in communities who need them the most.



New child care sites and agencies who applied for a child care license in CCLS after January 1, 2023 OR a provider who wants to increase spaces at an existing program or new site (expansion) are not guaranteed automatic approval into the CWELCC program.

CWELCC Expansion Plan Targets



The Ministry CWELCC licensing forms will not be signed until our plan is approved. For urgent support, email EarlyYearsSystemDivision@peelregion.ca

Next Steps

Expansion in Peel

Providers:

- If you are working with the Ministry's licensing branch on expansion of your program or considering expansion in Peel, please email EarlyYearsSystemDivision@peelregion.ca with the expansion details (e.g., Site/Agency Name, Site address including postal code, change in license capacity/number of active homes by age group as appropriate).

Region:

- Develop an expansion policy and process – our approach will be communicated to the sector in early spring.
- Report to Regional Council on March 9, 2023 with our expansion plan and priority areas.
- Work with the Ministry to finalize the Region of Peel's Expansion Plan.

CWELCC Funding

- Host a teleconference on February 23 to discuss/answer your questions on Workforce Compensation Funding.
- You will receive payments for Transition Operating Grant and Workforce Compensation Funding first week of March.
- We will share a Planning Tool to support you with tracking your expenses for the TOG and Workforce Funding.



Questions?

Have more questions?

Please email your questions to:
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Thank You!