Child Care Revolving Loan Fund

2026 Scoring Rubric

New Mexico Early Childhood Education & Care Department

<u>Total Points Available – 320 points</u>

Provider Information – 20 points

Points in this category will be awarded for provider characteristics that the Early Childhood Education and Care Department (ECECD) identifies as predictive of success and alignment with department priorities. Information considered when awarding these points includes the provider's quality level, recent history of progress through the quality rating and improvement system, regulatory history (including, but not limited to, Conditions of Operation that the provider did not complete or is failing to complete), services currently provided, or the applicant's role in the community (e.g., as a major employer).

Licensing Information – No score

Applicant must be licensed in good standing with ECECD's Licensing Division, or provide information for a provisional loan license. This must be completed by applicant to be eligible for a loan.

Business Information – 60 points

Points in this category will be awarded based on the quality of the applicant's business plan and hiring plans. Scoring will prioritize business plans that are comprehensive, realistic, and demonstrate understanding of demand in the local child care market.

Project Information – 100 points

Points in this category will be awarded based on the applicant's description of the proposed project and its impact on child care access in the community. Scoring will also consider whether projects are "shovel-ready" (e.g., whether quotes have been obtained and plans have been drafted), whether the project timeline appears both realistic and efficient, the expected lifespan of the work completed through the project, and the cost-effectiveness of the project.

Priority Criteria – 60 points

Applications may receive additional points based on their ability to meet certain priority criteria. These priorities are set forth in the CCFLRF Act (NMSA 1978, Section 24-24-4) or have been developed by ECECD in accordance with the authority granted to it by the CCFLRF Act.

Priority: At least 50% of families served by the applicant are state-subsidized clients and low-income families **(15 points)**

Priority: Applicant is located in a community with high poverty rates. More points are awarded for projects serving neighborhoods or Census tracts with higher percentages of families with children in poverty **(15 points)**

- Community with 50% or above of families with children in poverty **(15 points)**
- Community with 35% to 49% of families with children in poverty **(10-14 points)**
- Community with 20% to 34% of families with children in poverty **(6-9 points)**
- Community with 20% or below of families with children in poverty **(0-5 points)**

Priority: Applicant will provide non-traditional hour child care. Non-traditional hours includes care provided between 7:00 PM and 7:00 AM. More points are awarded to projects that will offer longer hours or weekend care **(15 points)**

- Will extend hours of traditional care by more than 60 minutes or offer weekend care **(9-15 points)**
- Will extend hours of traditional care by at least 60 minutes **(8 points)**
- Will extend hours of traditional care by at least 30 minutes **(5 points)**

Priority: Applicant will provide infant and toddler care. More points are awarded to projects that will create a higher percentage of new infant and toddler slots **(15 points)**

- All new slots are for infants and toddlers **(15 points)**
- 60% or more of new slots are for infants and toddlers **(10-14 points)**
- 40% to 59% of new slots are for infants and toddlers **(8-9 points)**

- 26% to 39% of new slots are for infants and toddlers **(6-7 points)**
- 25% or less of new slots are for infants and toddlers **(0-5 points)**

Geographic Priority – 80 possible points

Applicants located in the following counties will receive additional points:

- **Priority county group one:** McKinley, Santa Fe, Sandoval, Lea, and Eddy Counties **(80 points)**
- **Priority county group two:** Bernalillo and Doña Ana Counties **(50 points)**

Financial Information – ECECD will not score

The New Mexico Finance Authority (NMFA) will review financial information.

Contract for Services – No score

Applicant must be approved for a loan before being offered an option for contracts for services.