



# PAACT

PROMISE ALL ATLANTA CHILDREN THRIVE

## **PAACT Repair and Renovation Grant**

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# PPAACT: Promise All Atlanta Children Thrive

## What is PAACT?

Convened by GEEARS: Georgia Early Education Alliance for Ready Students, PAACT: Promise All Atlanta Children Thrive is a city-wide alliance of public and private partners collaborating to improve learning, health, and well-being outcomes for Atlanta's youngest children and their families.

## PAACT's Vision

Families in the City of Atlanta have what they need to ensure that all children starting at birth are healthy, learning and developing so that they enter school ready for success, thrive once in school, and are prepared to reach their full potential as residents of our city.



# The Mayor's PAACT Commitment

## \$20 Million to Strengthen Atlanta's Early Education Landscape

### What we're doing

The City of Atlanta, private foundations, business leaders, and philanthropists are making a historic \$20 million investment in early childhood education. PAACT is collaborating with implementation partners to increase equitable access to high-quality early learning environments across Atlanta.

The Mayor's PAACT Commitment will feature a targeted approach to three of the eight PAACT recommendations to strengthen Atlanta's early childhood landscape.



# The Mayor's PAACT Commitment



As part of the Mayor's commitment to PAACT and early childhood education, he proposed a \$20M investment from public and private partners to execute a coordinated strategy among implementation partners to increase access to high-quality, language-rich, early learning environments across City of Atlanta neighborhoods through a targeted three-part investment strategy.

## Child Care Quality and Capacity Building

- o Fund grants for repairs and renovations, professional development, and capacity building support

## Child Care Affordability and Access

- o Provide child care scholarships for the children of critical employees (for example APS employees)

## ECE Workforce Recruitment & Retention

- o Supplement power payments w/ incentives and free professional development

# PAACT Repair and Renovation Grant

- ❑ Grants up to \$75,000
  - ❑ *Funding will be determined based on project scopes and costs, and include contingencies*
- ❑ Between 40-60 grants anticipated to be disbursed depending on project budgets and scopes
- ❑ Projects designed to improve and augment your current space to address health and safety concerns and/or enhance the learning environment
  - ❑ *Additions/expansions will not be considered*
- ❑ Providers will have the option to partner with Quality Care for Children for business coaching and other technical supports
- ❑ **Deadline: July 28th, 2023 at 11:59pm**



# Eligibility



In order to be eligible for the PAACT Repair and Renovation Grant, you must:

1. Serve children from 0 to 4 years old
2. Be located in the City of Atlanta
3. Participate in Quality Rated
4. Accept families who are low income (e.g. CAPS, Early Head Start, BOOST)

If you have questions about eligibility or want to confirm your program's eligibility, please email [repairandreno@gears.org](mailto:repairandreno@gears.org)

# PAACT Repair and Renovation Grant

## Project Categories

- ❑ *ADA compliance or other accessibility improvements*
- ❑ *Fire/life/safety and site security improvements*
- ❑ *Roofing, gutters, and downspouts*
- ❑ *Plumbing and HVAC improvements*
- ❑ *Kitchen improvements (including any fixed equipment)*
- ❑ *Bathroom improvements*
- ❑ *Exterior improvements (e.g. exterior walls, roofing, gutters, doors, windows, gates, fencing, etc.)*
- ❑ *Interior improvements (e.g. flooring, lighting, ceiling, walls, etc.)*
- ❑ *Outdoor play spaces and improvements, including fixed play structures and equipment*
- ❑ *Built-in or fixed furnishings or equipment (e.g. cabinets, countertops, storage, sinks)*



# Sample Project Ideas

“The paint in many of my rooms is peeling and I have a leak in my roof.”

“My fridge is always on the fritz and my kitchen makes meal preparation and storage a challenge - I need to make a change”

“I want to reconfigure a storage space into a classroom - I want to remove some cabinetry and add a door.”

“My outdoor playspace has limited equipment and I’d like to add a play structure.”

“My licensing consultant said that I really need to address ...”



# Sample Project Ideas

- ❑ Add or repair fencing around your property to provide a safe outdoor playspace for children
- ❑ Replace broken or inefficient kitchen equipment such as a refrigerator or stove, which will improve workspace and food prep.
- ❑ Repair broken or inefficient bathroom fixtures that serve children or staff.
- ❑ Upgrade air conditioning or heating to provide better indoor air quality for children and staff.
- ❑ Repair a condition in your facility that has been flagged as an issue

# Overview of the Application Process

Initial Application Released: *June 2023*

Application Deadline & Scoring: *Summer - Fall 2023*

Provisionally Successful Applicants Are Assigned a Program Officer (either RF or LIIF): *Fall - Winter 2023*

Applicants Work on Final Application with their Program Officer and Submit for Final Approval: *Fall - Winter 2023*

Final Grants are Awarded and Work Commences: *Winter 2023 - Spring 2024*

Project Completion Target - *Summer 2024*

# Overview of Application

- ❑ Welcome & Information
- ❑ Eligibility Questions
- ❑ Information about the Organization
- ❑ Project Impact
  - ❑ Who do you serve?
  - ❑ What services do you offer?
  - ❑ Information about your project
- ❑ Demographic Questions (*not part of scoring*)



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# Overview of Application

## Eligibility and Intake

Welcome to the application for the PAACT Repair and Renovation Grant. This grant, which will enable child care providers to repair, spruce up, or add on to their facilities, is administered by a citywide alliance led by [GEEARS: Georgia Early Education Alliance for Ready Students](#), [Promise All Atlanta Children Thrive](#), the [City of Atlanta, Reinvestment Fund](#), and [Low Income Investment Fund \(LIIF\)](#). Our [Quality Rated](#) partners at the [Community Foundation for Greater Atlanta](#). These organizations have joined forces to support Atlanta's early care programs by providing funding and technical support to improve the quality of their facilities.

The PAACT Repair and Renovation Grant is a grant, not a loan, and no recipients will be required to pay the money back.

The application process works:

1. In this first step, you'll take about thirty minutes to fill out an initial online application to see if you are eligible for the PAACT grant and describe your potential project. These applications will then be scored and ranked.
2. If your application is selected to move forward, we will work with you to provide technical assistance for your final application. Our implementation partners will help you define and plan your project, identify a contractor, and solicit bids. Applicants do not need to have any grant-writing, project management, or construction experience.

## Eligibility Requirements

To qualify for the PAACT Repair and Renovation Grant, your child care program must:

- Be located in the City of Atlanta
- Be a Quality Rated program participant
- Serve children ages zero to four
- Serve low-income families

Qualifying applications will be scored based on the potential impact and feasibility of their project, the needs of the community they serve, and the services provided by the program. If your program meets all the eligibility requirements, please click below to begin your qualifying application. Questions? Please contact the PAACT team at [repairandreno@gears.org](mailto:repairandreno@gears.org).

General Information!

# Overview of Application

- My child care program is located in the city of Atlanta \*
  
- My child care program has an active Quality Rated status (eg. star rated, provisional, probational) with the Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning \*
  
- My child care program serves children 0-4 in a full-time setting \*
  
- My child care program accepts families who are low income (eg. CAPS, Early Head Start/Head Start, BOOST) \*

Please enter your license number \*

Eligibility Questions



# Overview of Application

## Organization Information

Legal Business Name: \*

Facility Name: \*

Main/Administrative Office Address Line \*

Main/Administrative Office GA County \*

Main/Administrative Office Zip Code \*

*About Your Program*

Name of Program Administrator \*

First Name

Last Name

Title of Program Administrator \*

Email of Program Administrator \*

Phone Number of Program Administrator \*

# Overview of Application

## Program Impact

*Tell us about all the unique things you do to serve your families and students.*

### Project Impact

Does your program serve infants and toddlers? \*

- Yes  
 No

Is your program fully enrolled? \*

- Yes  
 No

Please briefly describe your enrollment status

Limit: 150

Does your program specialize or have a focus on serving children with special needs? \*

- Yes  
 No

Does your program specialize or have a focus on serving families that are culturally and linguistically diverse? \*

- Yes  
 No

Ex. Dual language learners

Does your program specialize or have a focus on serving children in foster care, experiencing homelessness, or whose families participate in Child Care and Parent Services (CAPS), Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF), or Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)? \*

- Yes  
 No

Does your program offer care during alternative hours (eg. hours outside normal business hours)? \*

- Yes  
 No

Does your program offer family-friendly supports like transportation, meals, clothing, or tuition assistance? \*

- Yes  
 No

Please share any additional relevant information about the population you serve and how you support them.

Limit: 500 words

# Overview of Application

How much funding are you seeking for your project?

- up to \$10,000
- \$10,000 to \$25,000
- \$25,000 to \$50,000
- \$50,000 to \$75,000

Please select the category(ies) under which your repair and renovation project falls:

- Outdoor play spaces and improvements, including fixed play structures and equipment
- Interior improvements (flooring, lighting, ceiling, walls, etc.)
- Exterior improvements (exterior walls, roofing, gutters, doors, windows, gates, fencing etc.)
- Bathroom improvement
- Kitchen improvements (including any fixed equipment)
- Plumbing and HVAC improvements
- Roofing, gutters, and downspouts
- Fire/life/safety and site security improvements
- ADA compliance or other access improvements
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**Project Impact**  
Use this space to describe how your program and students will benefit from this project. The clearer you can be, the better!

Please describe how you will use the funding for your project

Limit: 500 words

Please describe briefly how your renovated program will better serve the children and families of Atlanta

Limit: 500 words

# Overview of Application

## Program Administrator Demographic Information

Your answers to these questions will not affect your application's priority status or award determination. Answering these questions helps PAACT better understand and advocate for the needs of child care programs.

What is your gender? \*

- Female
- Male
- Non-binary
- Prefer to self-describe
- Prefer not to answer

Please indicate your ethnicity: \*

- Hispanic, Latino, Latina, or Latinx
- Not Hispanic, Latino, Latina, or Latinx
- Prefer not to answer

Please indicate your race: \*

- Asian or Asian American
- Black, African-American, or African
- Latino, Latina, or Latinx
- Indigenous, First American, or Native American
- Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander
- White
- An identity not specified here (feel free to specify)

*Demographic  
Information  
Not scored!*

# Overview of Application

## Certification & Confirmation

### Certification & Permission

I certify that the information provided in this application is true, complete and correct. I give permission to Georgia Early Education for Ready Students/Early Learning Property Management/Reinvestment Fund/Low Income Investment Fund/ to share information provided in my application with the local resource and referral agencies.

By signing my name below, I agree that the information above is true, complete, and correct.

First Name

Last Name

### Confirmation

Please go back and review your material and answers - please double check that all information are correct and current. You will receive an e-mail confirmation when your application has been successfully submitted.

Please check your email to confirm receipt. If you do not receive a confirmation email, be sure to check the following:

- The junk/spam filters for your email account
- Check which email address you used to set up your Submittable account
- Make sure you have submitted the application and that it is not still saved as a draft.
- Be sure the email address associated with your Submittable account has been entered correctly.

If you do not receive the confirmation email, you will not receive other important information.

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# Initial Review and Scoring Process

- ❑ Initial grant applications will be assessed by a team of reviewers
- ❑ Provider eligibility will be confirmed
- ❑ Initial applications will be scored based on:
  - ❑ Community need
  - ❑ Program strengths and offerings
  - ❑ Viability of proposed projects
  - ❑ Impact of proposed projects
- ❑ Provisionally successful applicants will then be granted access to the next step in the grant application and paired with their Program Officer
- ❑ Once providers have submitted all relevant documentation (incl. 2 contractor bids) and finalized the scope of works for their projects, applications will be reviewed and final grant awards will be made

# Meet Our Implementation Partners



REINVESTMENT  
FUND

**If selected for the final round, you will be paired with a program officer to...**

- Refine your project and scope of work
- Support you through the process of getting bids and selecting a contractor
- Assist in monitor project progress and completion
- Help troubleshoot and thought partner

# Other Information to Know

## If Provisionally Awarded:

- Your organization will need to register for a unique entity id on SAM.gov.
  - Learn more here: [Get a Unique Entity ID in SAM.gov - YouTube](#)
- The two bids that are required for your project must be solicited from an approved pool of contractors
  - Contractors can still be included this pool by applying here: <https://bit.ly/3pLU9DV>.  
Email Jim at [jim.leimbach@cfgreateratlanta.org](mailto:jim.leimbach@cfgreateratlanta.org) with questions.

## If Selected:

- Grantees will work with QCC to complete a baseline business assessment, with the option to engage in a full business coaching cycle.

# Frequently Asked Questions

## **Am I eligible if I received/applied for a DECAL Health and Safety Grant?**

Yes, the PAACT Repair and Renovation grant is not connected to DECAL's Health and Safety Grant. The funding stream for PAACT is different.

## **Am I eligible if I received/applied for a FIP grant with ELPM?**

Yes, although new applicants may be prioritized.

## **I just finished a repair. Can I use this funding to reimburse my expenses?**

Unfortunately, reimbursements for work already completed or in progress is not allowable.

## **Do I need my DECAL consultant's permission to apply?**

No, although you are welcome to let them know of your plans. DECAL is aware and supportive of this project. For any projects that may impact licensing or capacity or require an amendment, please do reach out.

# Frequently Asked Questions

## **Can I use this funding to expand my center/program?**

The purpose of this grant is not center expansion. However, you can use this grant to reconfigure existing space that allows you to serve additional children.

## **My program is up for reassessment for Quality Rated - am I still eligible?**

Yes, your program is still eligible to apply for the grant.

## **Do the repairs and renovations have to be completed within a certain timeframe?**

Yes. Projects are intended to be completed by the summer of 2024, though some may be extended on a case-by-case basis.



# Frequently Asked Questions

## Can I edit my application after submitting?

Yes! You can follow the steps in the screenshots below to edit before the deadline. Please try to limit your edit requests, as it may interfere with the scoring process.

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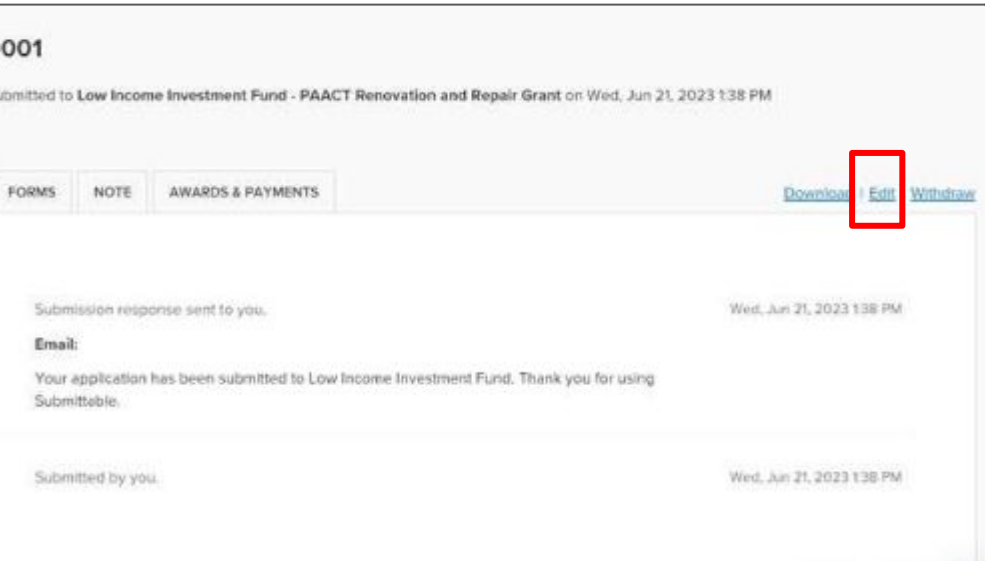
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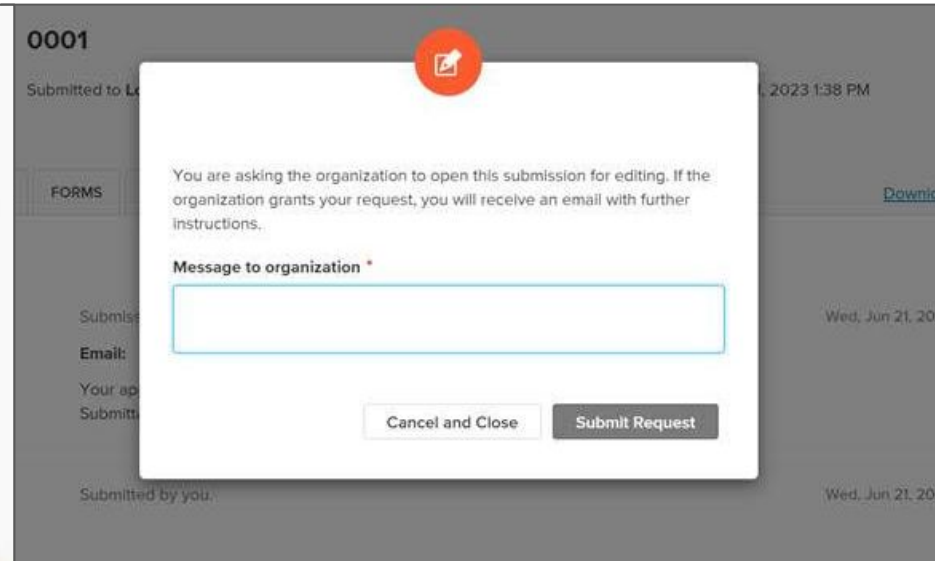
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