

Early Childhood Education Endowment Advisory Board

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Office of Early Childhood

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ECE Funding Context

The Endowment is only one component of OEC's financing strategy

OEC's ECE system is supported through three primary funding sources: General Fund, Child Care and Development Fund (CCDF), and the Endowment

- Funding decisions cannot be viewed through the Endowment alone.
- Pressures on the General Fund or CCDF will inevitably create pressure on Endowment investments.
- The Endowment cannot supplant other funding sources.
- Strategic use of all resources is essential while achieving the long-term vision for Connecticut's early childhood system.

Our ECE system is in the midst of several foundational transformative changes that will shape the future of the system.



Eligible Endowment Uses

The funds in the endowment are to support:

- **Expansion costs** (e.g., higher provider rates, increased slots and access through Early Start CT, at least 35% of new slots must be for infant and toddler care)
- **Programmatic costs** (e.g., enrollment campaigns, workforce scholarships, Local Governance Partners (LGPs), technical assistance)
- **Administrative costs** (e.g., staffing, data & technology systems)



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