

July 19, 2023

RE: 2023 General Operating Fund (GOF) – Increase to Allocation

Dear Service Provider,

We are writing to let you know that you are getting a one-time increase to your 2023 General Operating Fund Staff Wages and Benefits (GOF-SWB) allocation. This memo outlines how you qualified for an increase to GOF-SWB, your funding requirements and key dates.

How You Qualify for an Increase

Funding increases are based on increases in enrolment since April 2019. As you had enrolment increases in one or more of the following age groups, you qualify for an increase:

Age Group	More staff is needed to meet the following ratios*:
Infant	three or more infant-aged children
Toddler	five or more toddler-aged children
Pre-School	eight or more pre-school aged children

^{*}As per the Child Care and Early Years Act

Note: With the Ministry's new CWELCC funding formula planned for 2024, we cannot confirm if this funding will continue in 2024.

Funding Requirements

As outlined in the 2023 GOF-SWB Guideline:

- Funding must only be distributed to staff who are eligible to receive the SWB component of GOF using your existing distribution approach.
- This funding must be distributed to eligible staff by December 31, 2023.
- You cannot carry over any GOF funding to 2024.

Please review Section 5 of the <u>2023 GOF-SWB Guideline</u> as a refresh of the distribution and payment requirements of this funding to staff.

Reminder: GOF enhancements are to be applied after Wage Enhancement Grant (WEG) and Workforce Compensation Funding (WCF). You are not required to adjust your WCF as a result of this increase to your GOF.

Key Dates

Date	Details
July 19 - 20, 2023	You will receive an amendment to your 2023 General
	Operating Fund in GovGrants.
August 1, 2023	You will receive your first adjusted payment based on your
	adjusted allocation.

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If you have questions, please email us at: <u>EarlyYearsSystemDivision@peelregion.ca</u>.

We value the commitment and contributions of Peel's early years and child care workforce in providing quality programs to support children's development and their families.

Sincerely,

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