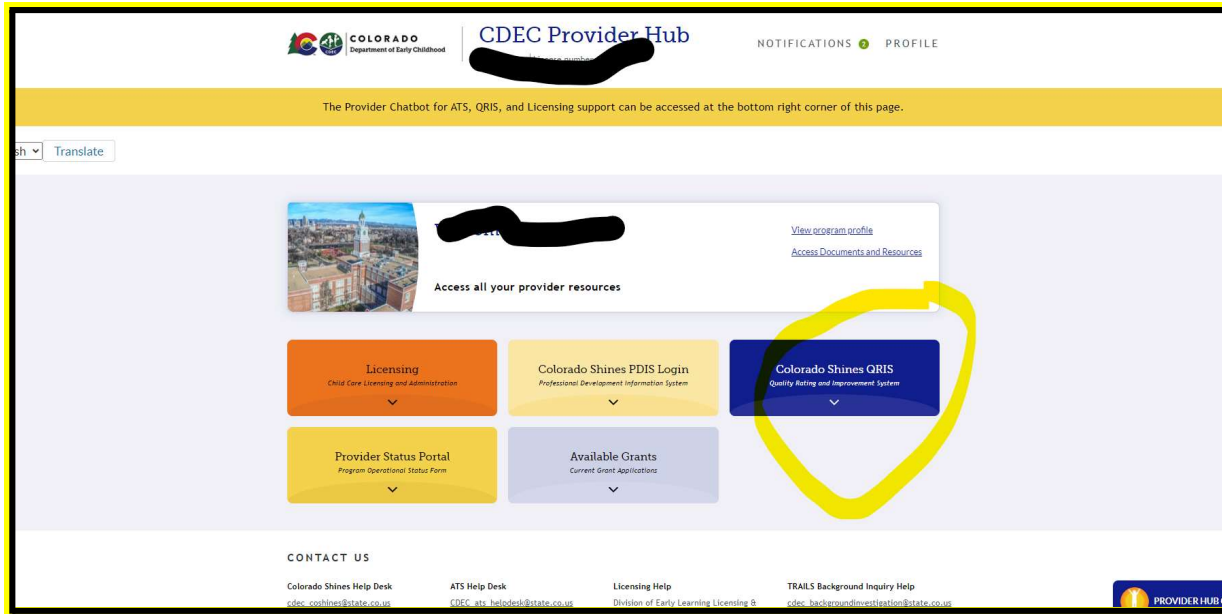
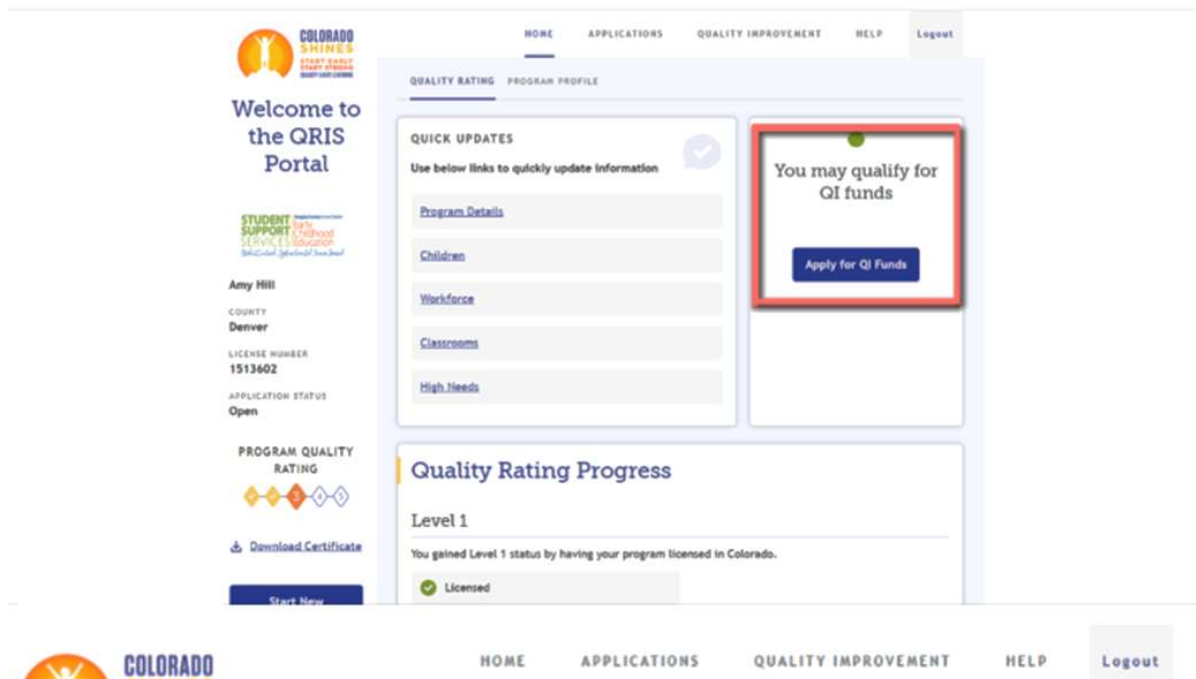


Applying for QI Funds in Provider Hub

Step 1) The program will start by navigating to the [Provider Hub](#), then accessing the Colorado Shines QRIS Portal.

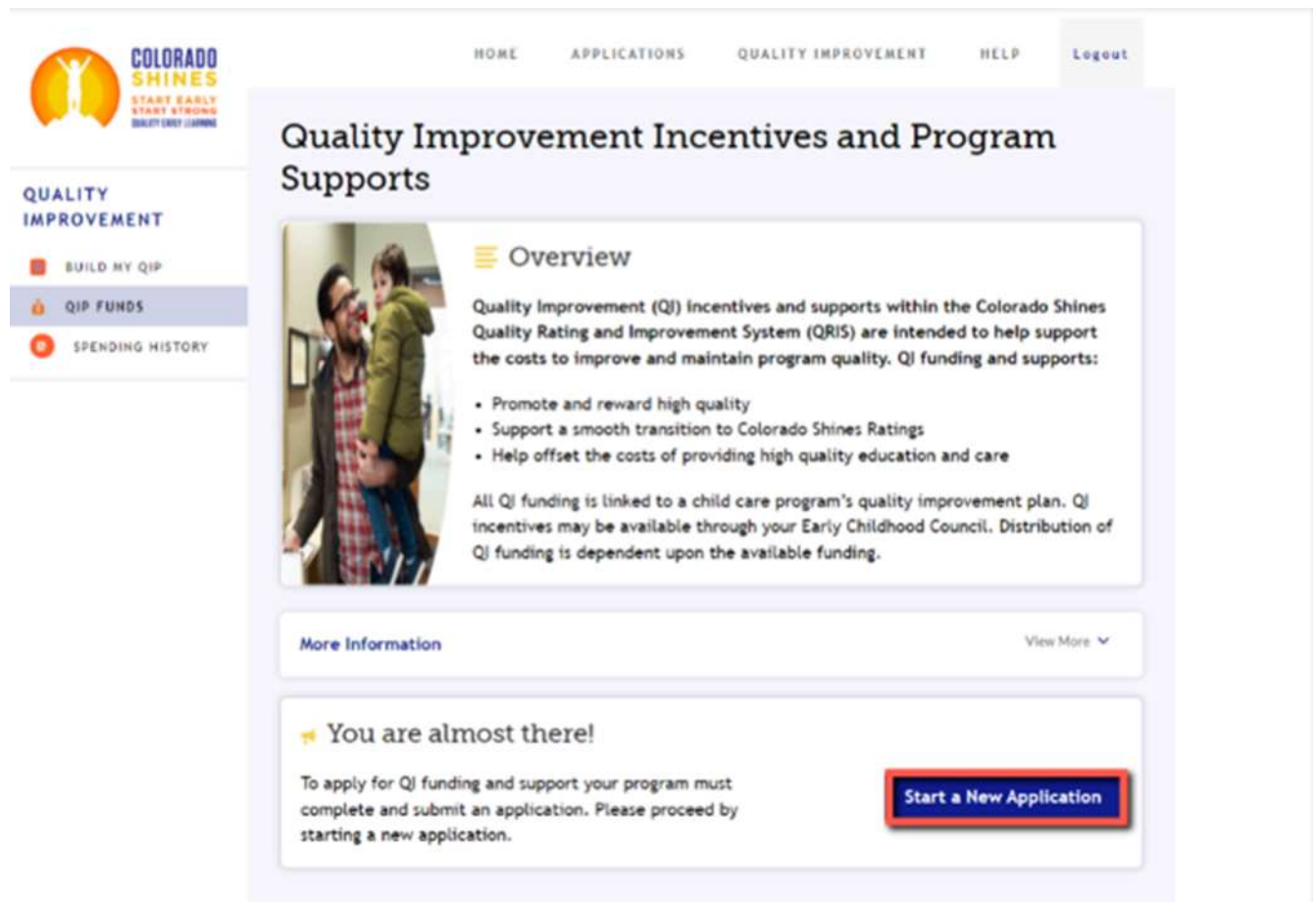


Step 2) Once the QRIS Portal has been opened, the user will access the QI Funds Application by selecting the 'Apply for QI Funds'.



****Please Note:** If the program user currently has a L2, L3-L5, or alternative application in progress they will receive a message that says, “Please complete your application that is in progress first”. **

Step 3) Upon selecting the button, the user will be navigated to a section labeled ‘**QI Funds**’. The user will have the option to start a new application or continue an application (if they currently have one in progress).



QUALITY IMPROVEMENT

- BUILD MY QIP
- QIP FUNDS**
- SPENDING HISTORY

Quality Improvement Incentives and Program Supports

Overview

Quality Improvement (QI) incentives and supports within the Colorado Shines Quality Rating and Improvement System (QRIS) are intended to help support the costs to improve and maintain program quality. QI funding and supports:

- Promote and reward high quality
- Support a smooth transition to Colorado Shines Ratings
- Help offset the costs of providing high quality education and care

All QI funding is linked to a child care program's quality improvement plan. QI incentives may be available through your Early Childhood Council. Distribution of QI funding is dependent upon the available funding.

[More Information](#) [View More](#)

★ **You are almost there!**

To apply for QI funding and support your program must complete and submit an application. Please proceed by starting a new application.

Start a New Application

**** Please note:** If your program has a CCCAP fiscal agreement, you will be directed to the TSQI version of the QI Funds Application. If your Program does not have a CCCAP fiscal agreement you will be directed to the ESQI version of the QI Funds Application.

**** Please note:** If you already have an application that is in progress, a message will be generated notifying the Program that they need to complete their application that is in progress first

incentives may be available through your Early Childhood Council. Distribution of QI funding is dependent upon the available funding.

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Attention!!

Please complete your application that is in progress first.


[Close](#)


[Start a New Application](#)


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APPLICATIONS

Step 5) If your program is starting a new QI Funds Application, you will first have to read the **'QI Funds Application Acknowledgement'** statement. Once you have read the statement, they are required to select 'Acknowledge' to proceed.

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QUALITY EARLY LEARNING

Program Details 

PROGRAM QUALITY RATING 

QI FUNDS APPLICATION ACKNOWLEDGMENT

The Colorado Shines Quality Improvement Grant Funding was created by the Division of Early Learning Access and Quality within the Colorado Department of Early Childhood to support the goals of improving child care services through quality standards, licensed program improvement supports, and licensed program quality incentives. Quality improvement resources are based on available funding.

You are eligible for this Funding because you hold a child care license issued by the Division of Early Learning Licensing and Administration (have a Colorado Shines Level 1 or higher) AND are willing to serve children who qualify for Colorado's Child Care Assistance Program (CCCAP) and hold a fiscal agreement.

All licensed program quality improvement supports, and quality incentive funding must be linked to Quality Improvement goals noted within the child care program Colorado Shines Quality Improvement Plan. Quality Improvement Resources can be used to access coaching, professional development, and early learning materials.

Access your program profile from the homepage to verify that your primary email is up to date prior to submitting your application.

[Acknowledge](#)

QI FUNDS APPLICATIONS

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CHILD Comp
WORK Comp
CLASS Missi
HIGH Comp
QUAL Comp
L2 QL Comp
TSQI

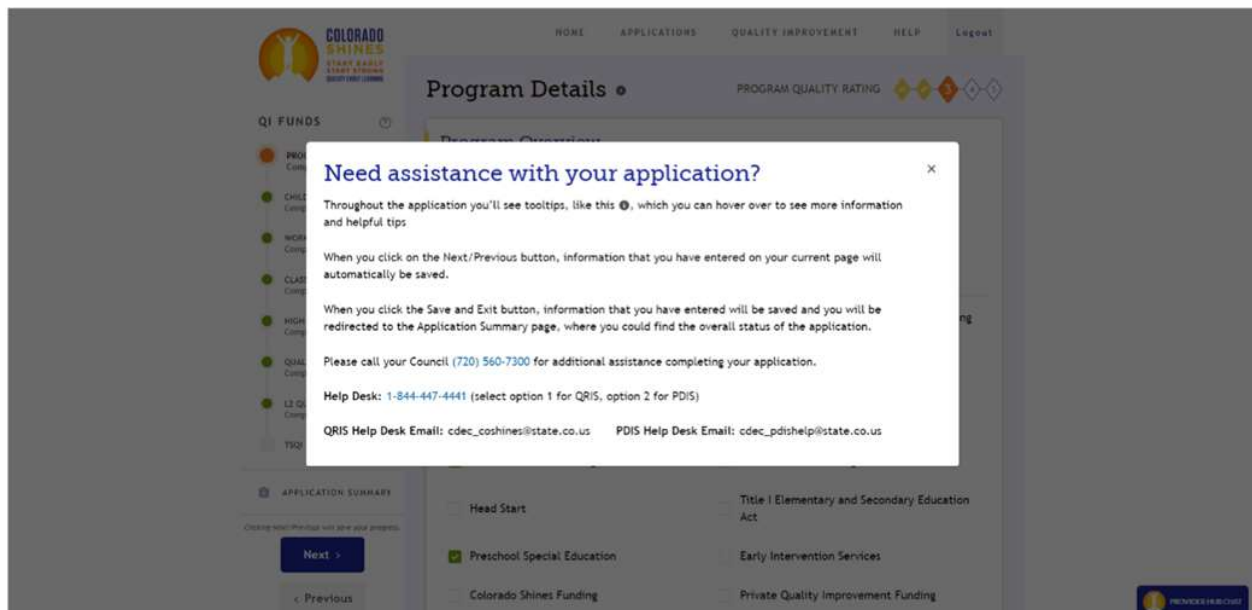
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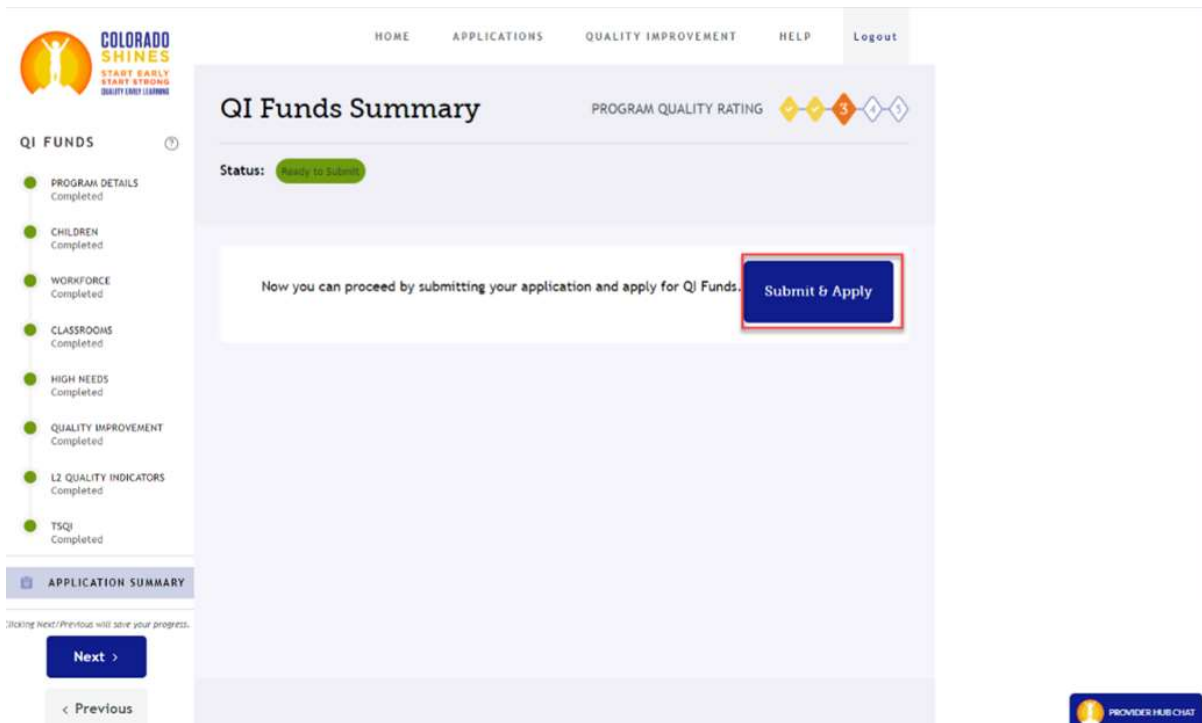
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*****Please Note:*** After the provider reads the ‘**QI Funds Application Acknowledgement**’ statement and closes the popup, an additional pop up labeled ‘**Need Assistance with your Application?**’ will generate. The popup includes general information that the program user can utilize if any problems arise with the application process. This popup will generate each time the program user opens the application.



Step 6) Once the ‘Need assistance with your application?’ popup is closed, the program will be presented with the QI Funds Application. For the below user, there is an additional section labeled ‘TSQI’ as the program has additional information to submit because they have a CCCAP fiscal agreement. The user can exit and save the application by selecting the ‘Save & Exit’ button. Follow the instruction on this document to complete the elements of the application: ■ Quality Improvement Funding Final.pdf

Step 7) Once all sections have been completed, the Program should navigate to the ‘Application Summary’ to review and submit their application.



QI FUNDS Summary PROGRAM QUALITY RATING 1 2 3 4 5

Status: Ready to Submit

Now you can proceed by submitting your application and apply for QI Funds. **Submit & Apply**

QI FUNDS

- PROGRAM DETAILS Completed
- CHILDREN Completed
- WORKFORCE Completed
- CLASSROOMS Completed
- HIGH NEEDS Completed
- QUALITY IMPROVEMENT Completed
- L2 QUALITY INDICATORS Completed
- TSQI Completed

APPLICATION SUMMARY

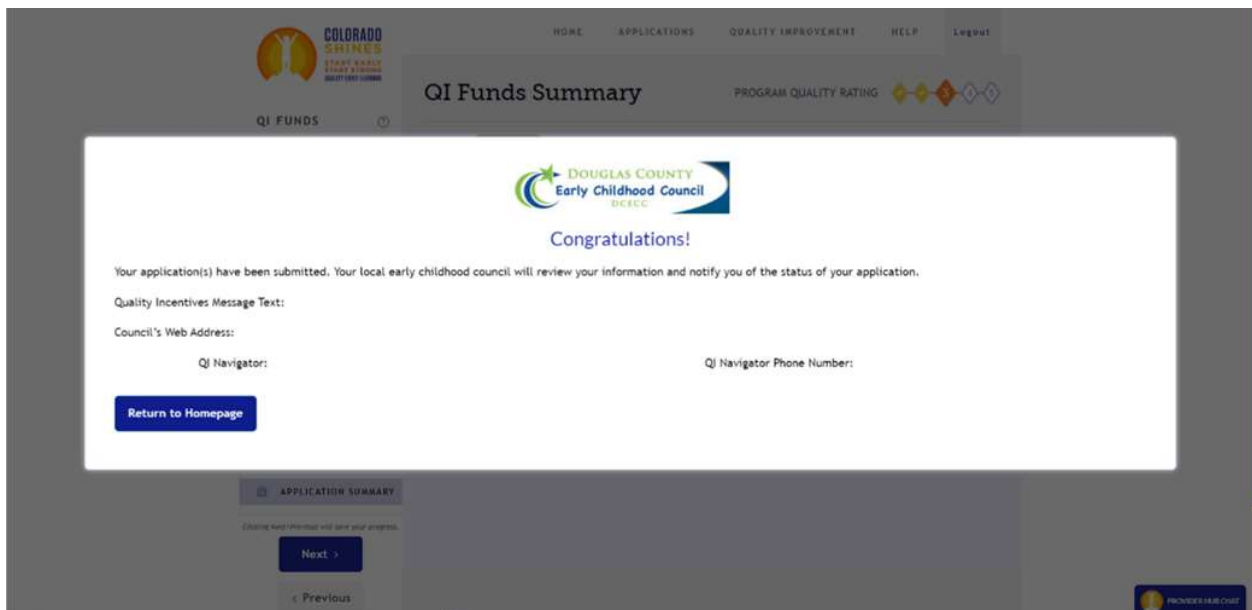
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Step 8) Once the program user selects 'Submit & Apply', they will be presented with a popup showing the respective council's logo, as well as additional information if they would like to contact members of the council. The submission of the application will generate an email notifying the grant lead at your Council that your application is ready for review.



QI Funds Summary PROGRAM QUALITY RATING 1 2 3 4 5

QI FUNDS

DOUGLAS COUNTY
Early Childhood Council
DECC

Congratulations!

Your application(s) have been submitted. Your local early childhood council will review your information and notify you of the status of your application.

Quality Incentives Message Text:

Council's Web Address:

QI Navigator:

QI Navigator Phone Number:

Return to Homepage

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