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Charlotte Birchard Centres of Early Learning (CBCEL) has been the successful recipient of the Resilient Communities Fund. The COVID-19 pandemic has significantly affected the operations at CBCEL. Our centres deliver childcare and education at two facilities – the Westboro Children’s Centre and the Greenboro Children’s Centre. The facilities were mandated to close in March 2020 until July 2020. During this time, CBCEL experienced a loss of revenues, as families did not continue paying for services. Despite the significantly decreased revenue, the CBCEL continued to support all staff by paying their salaries throughout the closure. CBCEL reopened its doors in July 2020. This reopening came with new guidelines around program capacity, safe operations and staff training. While enrolment in the Toddler and Preschool programs had returned slowly, enrolment in the school-age programs continued to be far below the capacity of the centre, which affects the overall revenue stream of CBCEL. As a result, there is an increased burden on staff due to COVID-19, which takes staff away from programming for the positive development of children, and focuses instead on the COVID-19 response. In addition, CBCEL is under a financial strain, and can not afford any additional costs – even essential upgrades in equipment at the centre. CBCEL is grateful to OTF for the funding provided that helped support the deliverables of such programming.

- 2021 Resilient Communities Fund 21,500.00
- 2022 Resilient Communities Fund \$28,800.00