

# The Rural Early Learning Facility Improvement Project

## The Ford Family Foundation

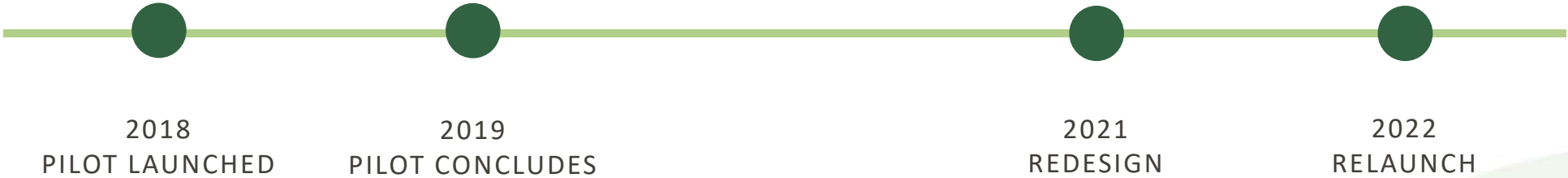


# Project

- Problem
  - Child care desert
- Goal
  - Increase licensed capacity of high-quality family child care
- Approach
  - Capital investments for rural family child care



# History



# Pilot Outcomes

<p>26</p> <p>Family-based programs</p>	<p>\$121K</p> <p>Average award amount \$4,654</p>
<p>50%</p> <p>Helped program remain open or increase enrollment</p>	<p>4</p> <p>Changed license type</p>



# Before & After Photos

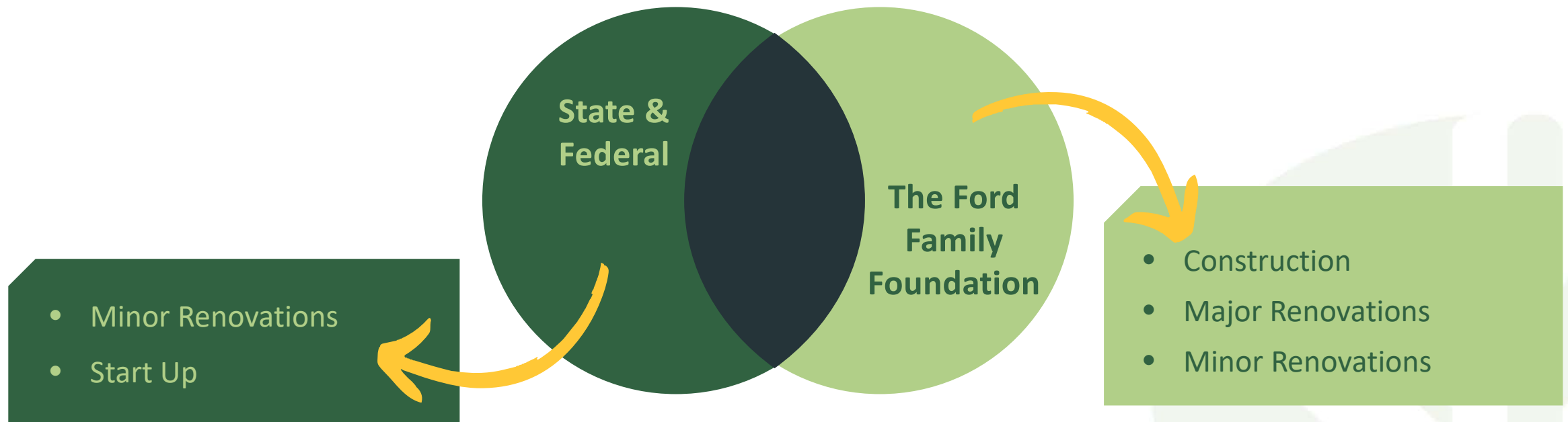


# Pilot Feedback

- Include unlicensed and center-based programs
- Increase locally-based supports
- Align with service areas of CCR&Rs
- Increase funding amounts
- Offer ongoing opportunities



# Gap Analysis for Redesign



# Administrators and Counties by State

## Oregon

- The Research Institute at Western Oregon University
  - Coos
  - Curry
  - Douglas
  - Klamath
  - Lake

## California

- First 5 California
  - Siskiyou





# Rural Early Learning Facility Improvement Project

## Preservation & Enhancement Grants

\$1,000 - \$5,000

## Expansion Grants

Up to \$25,000

Be meeting, or committed to meeting, all grant requirements

Submit completed grant proposal

Licensed for more than 1 year

Sustainability Plan

Match of 20%

# Next Steps

## Now – Summer

- Finalize Guidebook for partners
- Translate participant materials into Spanish
- Track other facility investments

## Late Summer – Early Fall

- Launch grant!



# Role for Philanthropy

## Challenges

- Workforce/sustainability
- Scale of challenge
- Funding of small businesses

## Opportunity

- Infrastructure/scalability
- Current funding landscape and gaps
- Conveners of shared learning opportunities



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