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Ø Strategies and investments should augment other COVID-19 response initiatives which could also involve amending the eligibility criteria in the existing Community Resilience, Investing in Infrastructure, Healthy Communities and Wages for Essential Workers programs. New investments align with the well documented, longer term needs of an effective and high quality early childhood learning and childcare,

Ø Proposals must be respectful of provincial and territorial jurisdictions, but funding should be available to qualified proponents to test approaches outside of existing legislative frameworks. Investments must never be used as a replacement for previously budgeted or planned expenditures by other levels of government.

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ELIGIBLE INVESTMENT STRATEGIES IN EARLY LEARNING AND CHILDCARE INFRASTRUCTURE

Funding Stream	Target Issues and Opportunities	Investment Areas
	<p>Staffing issues related to recruitment, training, remuneration, quality of employment and career opportunities</p>	<p>Recruitment incentives to support the development and retention of a diverse workforce and sector leadership</p> <p>Staff compensation improvements</p> <p>Anti-racism and Indigenous knowledge training</p> <p>Professional learning and training</p> <p>Leadership and educational bursaries (e.g. for advanced degrees, pedagogical leaders, administrators)</p>

