

Child Care Facility Retention Grants



Goal

To provide funding to existing child care programs to make necessary facility upgrades to allow their business to operate more efficiently and sustainably.

Eligibility Requirements

Programs must be a regulated (certified or licensed) child care provider located within the City of La Crosse. Programs must be in good standing with DCF (Department of Children and Families).

Grant Criteria

Grant total: \$100,000

Funds must be used towards facility retention costs. Examples may include but are not limited to; child care program materials (furniture, activities, play structures), building repairs and upgrades, other regulation requirements.

Funds must be used to assist the program in maintaining regulatory requirements and/or increasing quality and sustainability of the program.

Eligible Program Amounts:

- Group child care centers will be eligible for up to \$5,000
- Family child care programs will be eligible for up to \$2,000
- School age programs will be eligible for up to \$1,000

**Amounts may be subject to change depending on the amount of total grant applications submitted*

Through the application process providers will identify how they will spend the grant funding and how the funding will increase the quality and sustainability of the program.

Eligible Expenses

- Building costs
- Classroom materials
- Program materials
- Background check fees
- Regulatory fees (annual licensing fees)

Ineligible expenses include:

- Staff wages
- Employee benefits
- Stipends to employees

Application Process

Programs must complete an application along with:

- Proof of licensure/certification
- W9 for business

Award of Funds

Upon approval of funds, applicants are required to sign an Acknowledgement of Child Care Expansion Grant Spending. This document must be signed prior to disbursement of funds.