

Child Care Expansion Grants



Goal

To provide grants to existing child care programs located within the City of La Crosse to expand their current child care capacity.

Benefits

This program will provide additional child care slots to the City of La Crosse by expanding and growing already existing child care programs.

Eligibility Requirements

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

Selection Criteria

The following items will be taken into consideration when determining grant eligibility and amount:

- Number of additional child care slots that will be added to the program
- Location of child care program
 - Priority will be given for areas with little to no child care options
- Programs willingness to accept families who receive WI Shares (child care subsidy)
- Programs willingness to accept children under the age of 2 years of age.
- **Costs accrued due to regulation requirements**

~~Group Child Care Centers can receive a maximum of \$15,000 per center~~
Family child care providers expanding into a group center or already existing group centers expanding are eligible to receive up to \$10,000 per every 8 additional child care slots for children under the age of 2 and every 10 additional child care slots for children over the age of 2.

~~Family Child Care Providers can receive a maximum of \$5,000 per program~~
Certified Family providers expanding to licensed family are eligible to receive up to \$10,000

The amount of money given will be determined on the amount of work and/or trainings that is needed to expand regulation. This will be reviewed by The Parenting Place. The Child Care Development Coordinator will work closely with the program to help identify if other funding sources are available as well as connect the program with additional community supports.

Eligible Expenses

- Building costs
- Classroom materials
- Staff Training
- Required fees and expenses to obtain regulation

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.

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