

Child Care Start-up Grants



Goal

To provide start-up funding to new group child care centers and new family child care programs located within the City of La Crosse.

Benefits

This program will provide additional child care slots to the City of La Crosse by supporting new child care programs.

Eligibility Requirements

Programs must be working with pre-licensing or certification to become a regulated child care program within the City of La Crosse.

Selection Criteria

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

- Number of potential child care slots
- 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)
- Program willingness to accept children under the age of 2 years old
- **Costs accrued due to regulation requirements**

~~Group Child Care Centers can receive a maximum of \$28,000 per center~~

Group Child Care Centers are eligible to receive up to \$20,000 + 10,000 per every potential 10 child care slots

~~Family Child Care Providers can receive a maximum of \$10,000 per program~~

Family Child Care programs are eligible to receive up to \$15,000

The amount of money awarded will be determined on the amount of work and/or trainings that is needed to become regulated. The applications 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 other 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 provide proof of pre-licensing or working with certification.

Award of Funds

Upon approval of awarded funds, applicants are required to sign an Acknowledgement of Start-Up Grant Spending. This document must be signed prior to disbursement of funds.