

# FAQs

## Maine State Child Care Infrastructure Grant Program



### Is Adult and Pediatric CPR and First Aid certification acceptable without hands-on skills training because of COVID?

No, all applicants must have proof of hands-on skills training. You can find training locations online through [Maine CPR & First Aid](#), [Red Cross](#), [American Heart Association](#), local hospitals, local fire stations, adult education centers and community colleges.

### For modifications to a basement or garage, is this considered adding a room?

No, this is considered a renovation. Adding a room is defined as adding square footage to a home by extending the footprint by adding new exterior walls and a floor where there currently isn't one.

### Can I apply if I just want to make adjustments to my business (i.e. adding mulch, creating an outdoor space for play, expanding the office, etc.)?

The purpose of the grant is to increase licensed child care slots across the State. If you are not looking to either open a new child care or increase licensed capacity, you will not be eligible for the grant.

### What if I am already licensed or I already increased licensed capacity?

If you have become licensed or increased your licensed capacity after March 28, 2022, you can still apply for the grant.

### Can I apply for more than one grant?

No. Only one grant will be awarded per license number.

### Can I increase my Family Child Care within my home if my licensed capacity is already at a max of 12?

Yes, you may be able to expand to a Facility license, however, there are special requirements. We recommend reaching out and speaking with your licensor prior to applying.

### What if I get the grant for a new child care and want to apply again to expand?

Only one grant will be awarded per license number.

### I am applying to increase my licensed capacity. Do I need a new zoning letter?

Yes. The new zoning letter should list the proposed new licensed capacity

### I can't find proof of measles, mumps & rubella vaccination. I had the shots when I was a child.

Blood test results that provide proof of immunity for measles, mumps, rubella, tetanus, pertussis and diphtheria are available from doctors and clinics. You may need a referral from a physician for a test.

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### What proof do you accept for education and experience?

The best evidence is to upload your current MRTQ Professional Development Profile (PDP), which includes your education and continuing education classes offered by MRTQ and other organizations. If you do not have a PDP, please upload a copy of transcripts and certificates of course completion. In certain situations, to prove years of experience, a resume may be acceptable.

### How current does my water test need to be?

A water test performed during the last 6 months will be accepted.

### I am a Family Child Care provider interested in moving outside my home and getting a facility license. Can I apply and, if so, which application is right for me?

If you will be increasing your licensed capacity in your new facility, then we are eligible to apply for the grant. The [Child Care Facility Expansion Grant](#) is the right grant application for your situation.

### I am a business owner interested in offering on-site child care for employees. Am I eligible to apply?

Yes! The Child Care Facility Start-Up Grant is the right application for you.

### We are a nonprofit organization wanting to start a child care program. The applications seem to be written as if a person is applying. How do we complete the application?

A childcare license is earned based on the facility meeting child care and fire regulations plus the director's credentials. Accordingly, the director / person with the qualifications for the number of children you seek a license for should complete the application.

### I am interested in adding on to an existing building. Would I be eligible to apply for "new construction?"

General eligibility requirements must be met first. After which, a new construction is defined in two ways:

- 1) A new building with new floors, walls, ceilings, and a roof where none previously existed; or
- 2) Adding square footage to an existing building with new exterior walls and a new larger roof, and also adding at least 50% more to your current licensed capacity.