Child Care Infrastructure Grant Program

Information Session

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Grant Overview

$15 million in federal funding allocated to child care infrastructure

Objective: increase the number of licensed quality child care slots

Administered by the Maine Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) Office of Child and Family Services (OCFS) through a partnership with Coastal Enterprises, Inc. (CEI)
Discussion Topics

• Overview
• Who is eligible?
• How can funding be used?
• How much can I get?
• When can I apply?
• How can I get help?
• Q&A
Eligibility & Priorities

Eligibility
- Start-ups
- Existing providers increasing licensed capacity
- Family-based (in a home)
- Facilities / centers (outside a home)

Priority Applications
- Aroostook, Franklin, Penobscot, Piscataquis, Somerset & Washington Counties
- Subsidy & CACFP / USDA food program participants
- Infant & toddler services
Permitted Uses of Funds

Location

• Renovate your home
• Add a room to your home exclusively for child care
• Purchase or rent & renovate a building
• Construct a new space
• Acquisitions with a 25% enrollment in 4 months

Children’s Activities

• Purchasing educational materials
• Acquiring indoor furniture & fixtures
• Creating an outdoor learning environment
• Buying supplies required to be licensed
• Working capital: start-up money for payroll & food
How Much Are the Grants?

Family Child Care Providers

- **Start-Ups**
  - Adding a room exclusively for child care: up to 50% of costs up to $25,000
  - Using your existing home (not adding a room): up to 75% of costs up to $8,500

- **License Capacity Expansions:**
  - Expanding in your Home: up to 75% of costs up to $4,000
  - Expanding to a Facility: up to 50% of costs up to $30,000
How Much Are the Grants?

- **Start-Ups / New, Additional License:**
  - Renovating an existing building: up to 50% of costs up to $80,000
  - Constructing a new building*:
    - 12 to 20 children: up to 50% of costs up to $100,000
    - 21 to 49 children: up to 50% of costs up to $200,000
    - 49+ children: up to 50% of costs up to $250,000
- **Acquisitions with 25% enrollment increase:** up to 50% of costs up to $25,000

*Definition: new building with new floors, walls, ceilings and a roof where none previously existed
License Capacity Expansion:

- Renovating existing building: up to 50% of costs up to $30,000
- Constructing a new building* with minimum 10 new licensed slots:
  - 21 to 49 children: up to 50% of costs up to $150,000
  - 49+ children: up to 50% of costs up to $200,000

*Definition: new building with new floors, walls, ceilings and a roof where none previously existed or adding square footage to an existing building with new exterior walls and a new larger roof PLUS adding at least 50% more to your licensed capacity
FAQ’s

When can I apply?
• Today!

How do I apply?
• Maine State Child Care Infrastructure Grant Program | CEI (ceimaine.org)
• https://www.ceimaine.org/maine-grants/child-care-infrastructure-grant-program

Drop-in Sessions
• Listed on the website: www.ceimaine.org/maine-grants/child-care-infrastructure-grant-program/

1:1 Help
• E-mail: CCInfrastructureGrant.DHHS@maine.gov

Tech Q & Status
• E-mail: StateChildCareGrant@CEIMaine.org