



Regional Grants are intended to support, sustain, and increase quality of child care programs. Grants require the completion of an online application and approval of eligible expenditures.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

1. Who can apply for Regional Grants?

Any program that is actively providing early learning services to children ranging in age from birth to school-age and

Priority Areas

Health and Well-being

- Equipment and activities that promote health and fitness in your program

Relationships with Families

- Materials that support the mental health of young children and their families.

Teaching and Relationships with Children

- Materials, activities, strategies, assessment, and curriculum development to promote social/emotional,

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- Cleaning
- Food
- Insurance

GRANT SPENDING CATEGORIES

The following charts give suggestions for items that you may want to purchase with your grant. This is not an all-inclusive list, but it will help you identify which spending category to use when describing your proposed purchases on the budget pages of the application.

Health and Well-Being	
Children do better when early care and education programs are safe and healthy, provide nutritious meals and snacks, and offer many opportunities for active play. This foundation allows children to take full advantage of learning opportunities.	
Alarms and Detectors	Transportation Safety
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Smoke alarms• Carbon monoxide alarms• Radon detectors• Lead content detectors (for toys and other child items which could be put in the mouth)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Appropriate vehicle child restraint systems for the ages of the children in care• Safety helmets for children riding bicycles or tricycles•

Professionalism

Children do better when their teachers and providers have professional preparation that includes higher education coursework, combined with on-going training and support. These qualifications have been found to be consistent predictors of

Multicultural/Culturally Responsive Items and Resources (optional)

Multicultural items and resources promote healthy social and educational outcomes in children and youth, and help them understand the world they live in. For the purpose of these grants, the terms “multicultural” and “culturally responsive” are used to refer to child care that responds to and reflects the needs of ethnic and linguistically diverse communities.

Websites

Available Items

Useful Search Terms

- Becker's School Supplies (shopbecker.com)
- Discount School Supply (discountschoolsupply.com)
- Hatch: The Early Learning Experts (hatchearlylearning.com)
- Kaplan Early Learning (kaplanco.com)
- Lakeshore Learning (lakeshorelearning.com)
- The Little Black Book Nook (bookshop.org/shop/littleblackbooknook)

Multicultural books, music,

APPLYING FOR A REGIONAL GRANT

Training Requirement: Participate in 12 hours of training, approved by Achieve, which can be found on Develop (www.developtoolmn.org). **Four of the 12 hours of the required training must be in the Knowledge and Competency Framework (KCF) areas of III, IX, and/or X.** Training must be completed between **January 1 of this year, and March 31 of next year.** (nd)-5 (a7(e)-0.7 (m)-2..2 (ar)JJ/TT0-0.6 -48.2243.8 f-0.001 Tc 0.004 Tw (hi)-1.9 (s)-7.g0 Tc 0 eP43.8 f-0.0n.8 (R)-8 (

Local Child Care Aware Office

Attn: Grant Administrator

Address

City, State, Zip

Checklist

Your application packet must include:

The application form, including the participation agreement, with all questions completed.

A copy of your current child care license.

Copies of Knowledge and Competency Framework Learning Records for all lead teachers or the lead child care provider for the last 12 months.

Copy of your Parent Aware Rating certificate (*if applicable*).

Estimate or bid (*if applicable*). This is required for the installation of fences, windows, or construction, as required by licensing, or equipment assembly projects. If a child care program wishes to have the cost of assembly and/or installation covered by a grant, the labor must be performed by a contractor following applicable state and local laws and regulations regarding registration and licensure. See <https://www.dli.mn.gov/business/residential-contractors-remodelers-roofers> for more information.

Pictures (*if applicable*). A picture from a catalog or online is recommended if the item(s) may be questioned by the reviewers.

GRANT APPLICATION PLANNING LIST

This list is intended to help you plan your grant request before entering it into Develop. This is not to be submitted.

Priorities

Health and Well-being

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Category/Priority	Goal
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