Resources for Minnesota Child Care Businesses

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The situation around Covid-19 is changing rapidly, please check back often for updated resources.

Minnesota Updates for Child Care Providers

Minnesota Government Updates on Covid-19 for Child Care Providers
CCAP Updates during Covid-19

Minnesota Initiative Foundations and Emergency Child Care Grant Program

Update: April 2, 2020, these grants are currently exhausted, however check back with your initiative foundation as they are looking for additional funds to provider more grants.

The six Minnesota Initiative Foundations created an Emergency Child Care Grant Program to provide immediate financial support to licensed child care providers in Greater Minnesota. This grant program supports providers caring for children (ages birth to 5) of essential and emergency workers, as defined by Minnesota Governor Walz’s executive order 20-02.

Emergency Child Care Grant Program

The regional foundations have other specific grants and resources for child care businesses.

Southern Minnesota Initiative Foundation
Southwest Initiative Foundation
Initiative Foundation (Central MN)
West Central Initiative Foundation
Northland Foundation (Northeast MN)
Northwest Minnesota Foundation
For Metro child care businesses please refer to resources available from Think Small

**Think Small**

**Child Care Aware Minnesota**

Child Care Aware Minnesota has resources available for child care providers including grants, and information for providers on how to respond to Covid-19.

**DHS Peacetime Emergency Child Care Grants**

**Child Care Aware Covid-19 Resources**

**Small Business Administration (SBA) Disaster Assistance**

Minnesota’s small businesses are now eligible for the SBA Economic Injury Disaster Loan Program and can apply for a loan online. It is possible that up to $10,000 may be treated as a grant and not need to be paid back.

- This program can provide low-interest loans of up to $2 million to businesses and private non-profits.
- These loans may be used to pay fixed debts, payroll, accounts payable and other bills.
- The current interest rate is 3.75% for small businesses; for non-profits is 2.75%.
- These loans have long-term repayment options, up to a maximum of 30 years. Terms are determined on a case-by-case basis, based on borrower's ability to repay.

**SBA Covid-19 Assistance**

**Minnesota Unemployment Insurance**

Minnesota employees that have been laid off because of Covid-19 are able to file for unemployment and receive immediate assistance. These benefits will not impact employer unemployment insurance rates in the future. In addition nonprofit employers who have previously been required to pay 100% of unemployment claims, will now only be required to pay 50% of the unemployment claims.

**Additional resources for employers from MUI**

**Facebook Small Business Grant**

Facebook is offering $100M in cash grants and ad credits for up to 30,000 eligible small businesses in over 30 countries where it operates.

**Facebook Small Business Grant Covid-19**
Minnesota Chamber of Commerce

Information and links to resources for Minnesota small businesses specific to Covid-19 virus.

https://www.mnchamber.com/blog/covid-19-business-toolkit

Nonprofit Child Care Businesses

Propel Nonprofits serves nonprofit organizations in Minnesota and the adjacent states of Wisconsin, Iowa, North Dakota, and South Dakota.

Propel Nonprofits Covid-19 Resources

Otto Bremer Trust has established a $50 million emergency fund to provide financial support to Minnesota nonprofits and other community organizations impacted by and responding to the pandemic. The fund will provide resources in the form of short-term loans, lines of credit, and emergency grants.

Otto Bremer Trust emergency fund

Blue Cross Blue Shield Foundation of Minnesota has created a crisis response fund to provide grants to nonprofits who are on the front lines of addressing items that they value during the pandemic. One of the areas that they want to help fund is child care for medical and other critical employees.

Blue Cross Blue Shield of Minnesota Crisis Grant

Minnesota Council of Nonprofits resources for nonprofits plus granting organizations that may have grants to address Covid-19.

Resources for Nonprofits

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First Children’s Finance

FCF Website

First Children’s Finance has loans and a variety of business consulting services available for family child care businesses and child care centers both in rural and metro Minnesota.

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