



First Children's Finance

Facility Revitalization Grants Eligible and Ineligible Uses: Updated May 2022

Please Note:

1. All requests must be **NECESSARY** and **directly related to the operation of the child care program**.
2. Any item or service for which a **previous commitment or payment** has been made, **including down payments**, is not eligible.
3. All **labor** requests must be provided by an individual not related to the child care provider who works as a laborer in the area requested and can provide their business name, address, phone and Employer ID on both quotes prior to grant awards and on receipts for work performed.
4. If planning to **relocate** program within 2 years, items paid under a grant that cannot be moved to the new location must be repaid on a prorated schedule.

Items are listed in alphabetical order, and document for what grant funding can and cannot be used.

- **Abatement: Asbestos/Lead/Mold/Radon:**

- **YES:** Abatement/mitigation of lead, mold, asbestos or radon. Painting over external lead paint is allowed as abatement with documentation; purchase of detectors; repairing leaks to prevent/mitigate mold; replacing windows in the child care space
- **NO:** Replacing all windows in a home or structure or projects that require major renovation

- **ADA Compliance Features:**

- **YES:** Ramps, grab bars or other indoor ADA-compliance needs for current or wait-list child care families; painting handicap symbol/stripes for parking lot spaces
- **NO:** ADA compliance features not necessary for child care program (current/wait-list families)

- **Air Purifiers:**

- **YES:** Air purifying equipment, sanitizing machines (such as Zono), humidifier, dehumidifiers (100% eligible if used only in child care program, 50% eligible if used in a shared space.)

- **Animal Buildings/Equipment:**

- **NO:** chicken coops or any item pertaining to animals/pets including but not limited to pet beds, dog runs/kennels or other animal containment uses

- **Appliances:**

- **YES:** Purchase or repair of appliances (refrigerator, freezer, stove, dishwasher, microwave, water cooler, washer, dryer, furnace, air conditioner, humidifier, dehumidifier, air purifier, sanitizer – 100% if used only for child care program; 50% if used by family or other organization in a shared space)
- **NO:** New/additional ductwork, piping, ventilation, and cost of installation involving new ductwork, etc., particularly when replacing standard furnace with high-efficiency or different heat source and/or installing central air. The price quote must separate the price of appliance from installation and other associated costs or the entire project will be ineligible.

- **Attic Office Space:**

- **YES:** Minor renovation of attic for office space dedicated to child care program
- **NO:** Structural renovation including insulation/venting in wall or roof

- **Bathrooms:**
 - **YES:** Adding a child-care specific bathroom or repair/renovation of damaged items in bathroom used by child care program including toilet(s), handwashing sink, vanity, faucet, flooring, ceiling, door, standard handle/hardware
 - **NO:** Showers, shower heads, shower inserts, tubs, tub enclosures, replacement of light fixtures for style, decorative upgrade or aesthetic purposes (damage must be documented)

- **Breakroom/Meeting Space:**
 - **YES:** Create a meeting space or breakroom in child care center including lunch or meeting table, business chairs
 - **NO:** Adult-size furniture not specifically allowed, including but not limited to couches, loveseats, stuffed chairs, rockers, recliners, occasional tables, decorative furniture, beds, dressers

- **Business, Program, Other Expenses:**
 - **NO:**
 - Architect, Attorney, Accountant, Advertising, Land Surveys
 - Business expenses including taxes, training, hiring, licensing fees
 - Cleaning services (all types, including but not limited to house cleaning, appliance, and duct cleaning)
 - Curriculum, Training
 - Food
 - Lawn care or snow removal equipment or services
 - Learning and play, toys
 - Operating Support
 - Pest control service
 - Program expenses
 - Relocation/moving expenses
 - Rent/Mortgage, Utilities, Insurance
 - Safes of any kind (business, gun)
 - Salaries, Licenses, Staff support, Hiring/recruiting costs
 - Transportation

- **Construction:**
 - **YES:** small shed kits may be put together on-site
 - **NO:** on-site building or expansion of any facility or building

- **Conversion of space:**
 - **YES:** Small portion of complete renovation/conversion project
 - **NO:** Complete conversion or renovation of garage, out-building, or community facility, including but not limited to church, school, store front, business, vacant house, community center, pod, or senior center

- **Concrete:**
 - **YES:** Fill of minor cracks; mudjacking or grinding small area to repair tripping hazard; purchase of cement mix for projects providers will do themselves
 - **NO:** Removal and/or haul-away of concrete; adding/replacing rebar; pouring new concrete for any purpose; adding/repairing apron between driveway and garage or adding a driveway apron; adding a concrete turn-around space.

- **COVID 19 Supplies:**
 - **NO:** Indoor and outdoor COVID-19/variant supplies including but not limited to portable partitions, plastic shields, disposable utensils, dishes, signage, storage containers, masks, gloves, and hand sanitizers

- **Culverts/Bridges:**
 - **NO:** adding/replacing culverts or bridges of any material

- **Disposable/Single Use:**
 - **NO:** items and supplies, including but not limited to food, diapers, paper products, wipes, etc

- **Doors:**
 - **YES:** Adding new interior doors or replacing interior/exterior doors due to damage; replacement allowed for door similar to original; replacing door to attached garage to meet fire code; standard locks and door hardware only
 - **NO:** Keyless entry systems or security door locks with wifi codes; upgrading doors for decorative/aesthetic purposes

- **Decks/Porch/Patios:**
 - **YES:** Add additional protective spindles/panels on deck if spaced too far apart for licensing code if deck is used by child care program and deck is higher than 3' off ground, requiring spindles/rail. Adding wood stairs where none exist if needed as fire exit – documentation required.
 - **NO:** Staining, painting, refinishing or demolishing decks, patios or porches; replacing deck or patio flooring, railing, spindles; enclosing or screening deck, patio or porch

- **Demolition:**
 - **NO:** Demolition of any kind

- **Driveway/Parking Lot/Patio/Sidewalk:**
 - **YES:**
 - Addition of a small turn-around space in driveway for safety purposes, (other than concrete) not larger than a standard parking space (10x12) in which cars may back into to turn around. Eligible only when required or recommended by licensing due to location on a busy road (such as a highway) – documentation required
 - Minor repair to fill small potholes or cracks in driveway or parking lot, or chips in sidewalk or patio if posing health/safety risk. This includes minor mudjacking or sidewalk grinding.
 - Fix, add or replace parking lot railings or disability ramps
 - **NO:**
 - Repaving, re-surfacing or repairing large sections of parking lot or driveway with all surface types including but not limited to gravel, asphalt, concrete, pea rock, etc.
 - Repainting full parking lot stripes
 - Adding a turn-around space for which need/recommendation by licensor is not documented.
 - Adding a circular drive, widening driveway or any turn-around space larger than 10x12 space or any concrete surface/space even if turn-around space is recommended by licensor.
 - Adding or replacing patio slab
 - Adding or replacing sidewalk
 - Any repair requiring poured concrete
 - Addition or repair to culverts

- **Drain Tile:**
 - **YES:** Install drain tile and/or sump pump for health/safety of child care program area

- **Drywall/Studs:**
 - **YES:** Repairing/replacing drywall, studs other than load-bearing to repair damage
 - **NO:** Moving load-bearing walls; adding insulation behind drywall; structural projects that require cutting into drywall such as for new ventilation

- **Duct Work:**
 - **NO:** Duct cleaning, installation of central air or replacing a heat source requiring installation of new ventilation or duct work/pipes, etc. Bids must list price of appliance separately from installation when structural work is involved.

- **Egress Window:**
 - **YES:** Convert existing window to egress window to meet licensing requirements, add or expand egress window for easier escape access, add stair and rails to access fire escape/egress more easily

- **External Doors and Fire Exits:**
 - **YES:** Repair/replace external door and/or external screen/storm doors, standard lock, and/or hardware due to damage. Creating sufficient exits per fire marshal that do not require a new hole to be cut in an exterior wall.
 - **NO:** Cutting a new door into an exterior wall; keyless entry systems; security door locks with wifi codes

- **External Surfaces:**
 - **YES:**
 - Repair or replace small section of damaged shingles or siding when recommended by licensing for health/safety – documentation required
 - Painting over lead paint as lead abatement measure – documentation of lead paint required
 - **NO:**
 - Painting/staining of building including porch/deck/stairs
 - New or replacement siding
 - Addition, repair, or replacement of gutters/down spouts
 - Roof repair or replacement
 - Addition of exit requiring a new hole be cut into exterior wall
 - Internal or external insulation

- **Fees:**
 - **YES:**
 - Permit fees and/or required inspection of completed grant-funded project(s) per local municipalities
 - Consultant fees related to designing indoor or outdoor learning environment
 - **NO:**
 - Quote fee (quote fees do not disqualify item from consideration, but recovering the fee is not eligible for grant funding)
 - Down payment or installment payments, or any item for which these payments have been made

- **Fences:**
 - **YES:** in the child care play space and/or around pools, providing fence is functionally designed for child safety, including chain-link, privacy and picket – pickets must be close enough together that a child cannot slip through. See Labor section for installation guidelines.
 - **No:** when installed beyond the child care program play area; any type of fence with gaps that allow children to go under, over or through including but not limited to split rail and corral fences; decorative fencing not functionally designed for child safety; dog runs

- **Fire exit and escape:**
 - **YES:** Adding or replacing damaged fire escape ladder; adding or minor repair of wood steps for fire exit; handrails and enclosed stair risers if more than 3 steps are required
 - **NO:** Demolition of existing steps; no new doors cut into exterior walls

- **Fire Suppression/Carbon Dioxide/Radon:**
 - **YES:** Adding or replacing lead content detector, fire, radon or carbon dioxide (Co2) alarms and fire extinguishers; repairing/installing an indoor sprinkler/fire suppression system within the child care program area when required by fire marshal

- **Fireplaces/Heat Source:**
 - **YES:** Screens/covers or partitions to protect children from fireplaces, heaters and/or wood-burning stoves
 - **NO:** Adding fireplaces or any portable or free standing heat source

- **Flooring:**
 - **YES:** Adding or replacing **permanent** floor covering due to damage (such as carpet, linoleum, wood, tile, LVP)
 - **NO:** Area rugs, throw rugs, play mats, classroom rugs; repair or replacement of subfloor or foundation; replacement of permanent floor covering in good condition for updates/aesthetic purposes

- **Furniture/furnishings:**
 - **YES:**
 - Child care program furniture (cribs, mattresses, pack-n-plays, cots, changing tables, child-size table and chairs, shelves/cabinets, infant seats, cubbies, storage, high chairs, toddler chairs, potty chairs, etc.)
 - Office furniture: Office furniture dedicated to child care program (file cabinet, desk, chair, meeting room or break room table, meeting room chairs)
 - **NO:**
 - Adult-size furniture not specifically allowed including but not limited to couches, stuffed chairs, recliners, rocking chairs, occasional tables, decorative furniture, beds, dressers
 - Bean bag chairs are not allowed by licensing
 - Wall hangings including mirrors
 - Rugs: Area rugs, throw rugs, play mats, classroom rugs
 - Linens/Bins: Supplies including linens, sheets, changing table/pack-n-play covers, bins/baskets including those used with storage cubbies, storage bins, waste baskets

- **Garage doors:**
 - **NO:** replacing, repairing, screening or modifying garage stall doors

- **Grass:**
 - **YES:** Backfill of dirt/grass seed from tree removal/stump grinding directly in playground area only (documentation required)
 - **NO:** Sod (neither removal nor addition)

- **Gutters/Down spouts:**
 - **NO:** adding, moving, replacement or repair of down spouts/gutters

- **HVAC (Heating, Venting, Air Conditioning):**
 - **YES:** Purchase, maintenance or repair of furnace, water heater or air conditioner –quotes must identify purchase price of the appliance(s) separately from the installation requirements as additional venting, ductwork, etc. is structural and is not eligible. Cost of appliance only is eligible at 100% in structure entirely dedicated to the child care program; 50% in a shared space (family home or shared organization space).
 - **NO:** Installation of new/additional ductwork, venting, piping, etc.

- **Internal Walls/Ceilings:**
 - **YES:** Minor repair of internal walls or ceilings in child care program space, including paint
 - **NO:** Insulation

- **Kitchen/Kitchenette:**
 - **YES:** Repairing/adding a kitchenette that is dedicated to child care program; repair/replacement of damaged items in shared kitchen including flooring, sink/faucet, counters/cabinetry. Appliances are eligible at 50% for shared spaces and 100% for child-care only usage/space
 - **NO:** Replacement of functional kitchen items for aesthetic/upgrade purposes including but not limited to adding a cabinet to hide a wastebasket.

- **Labor/Contracted Services:**
 - **YES:** Time of laborer working in the area requested who can provide their business name, address, phone and Employer ID on both quotes prior to grant awards and on receipts for work performed. License number must be documented when a license is required for work performed by State or Local Municipality regulation. Labor must meet permit and quality inspection regulations.
 - **NO:** Paid labor conducted by child care provider or a family member

- **Laundry Space:**
 - **YES:** Renovation/creation of laundry space dedicated to child care; replacement of damaged appliances (50% for shared spaces, 100% for child-care only use)

- **Lawn Care/Landscaping:**
 - **NO:** including but not limited to redirecting water; adding bridge over wet area; adding or replacing sod or other plantings; adding or replacing mulch/rock anywhere other than under outdoor play system; adding, repairing or replacing a retaining wall; grading or leveling; dirt filling and grass seed other than with tree removal in play space; full-lawn sprinkler systems; adding or replacing sewer drainage field; lawn care or snow removal services; land purchases, etc.

- **Learning and Play:**
 - **NO:**
 - Art or Science Supplies or Kits
 - Books, Curriculum
 - Infant/Toddler Manipulatives
 - Musical instruments and players
 - Portable Play Houses and any structure with a loft
 - Sensory Play toys/tables and equipment
 - Toys – indoor and outdoor, including portable infant play yards and toddler climbers/play sets regardless of size
 - Wall hangings, mirrors or décor
 - Ride-Ons including but not limited to buggies, strollers, wagons, bicycles, tricycles, large motor toys, scooters and helmets
 - Toddler play structures: Indoor/outdoor portable infant/toddler play structures that are not required to be permanently secured to the ground

- **Lighting:**
 - **YES:** Replacing indoor light fixtures with fixtures containing shielded or shatterproof bulbs for safety; adding ceiling light fixtures in unfinished area which will be dedicated child care space
 - **NO:** Outdoor lighting of any kind; upgrading light fixtures for style/aesthetic/decorative purposes; purchase of lamps, light bulbs, supplies

- **Load-bearing studs:**
 - **YES:** Repair of damage to load-bearing studs providing damage does not involve the entire wall
 - **NO:** Moving a load-bearing wall or extensive repair involving an entire wall

- **Motorized Vehicles:**
 - **NO:** Vehicles to transport children and transportation safety equipment such as car seats
- **Office:**
 - **YES:** Office furniture dedicated to child care program (file cabinet, desk, chair, table)
 - **NO:** Office equipment (phone, copier, computer, laptop, tablet, software, printer, ink, paper/business-related supplies, camera, etc.)
- **Painting:**
 - **YES:** paint, paint supplies and hiring a painter for child care program space
 - **NO:** power equipment (power paint sprayer)
- **Panels:**
 - **YES:** Adding or replacing permanent separation panels to reduce the spread of germs in child spaces or in parent drop-off locations; adding/replacing sound-proofing or acoustic panels; adding guard panels on decks ONLY if spindles are too far apart for licensing code
- **Playsets:**
 - **YES:** Improvement to or addition of **permanent** outdoor playscapes such as swings, slides, climbers, and related materials; replacing the surface under a playset for safety against falls; preparing the ground surface for a new playset
 - **NO:** Infant/toddler portable playsets including but not limited to Step2, Little Tikes, tunnels, playhouses or other large motor toys; portable play items such as nature “stumps” and outdoor water/sensory structures; any indoor/outdoor play sets/large motor toys
- **Playscape Barriers/Borders:**
 - **YES:** Removal and replacement of rotting or damaged barriers bordering play area is eligible or removal of wooden barriers that contain creosote or arsenic; building a safe surface under a playset
 - **NO:** rock/retaining walls or creosote/arsenic treated timbers; no addition of or repair to bridges over wet areas
- **Play Area Surface:**
 - **YES:** New surface for outdoor play area **to protect against injury from falls** or replacement of surface directly under swing set/climbing structures providing replacement material is approved by licensing
 - **NO:** Concrete for sport court, patio or bicycle track; replacing mulch/ground cover around facility, under decks or any space other than directly under a play structure
- **Power Tools:**
 - **NO:** Both purchased and rental
- **Ride-Ons/Ins:**
 - **NO:** Buggies, strollers, wagons, bicycles, tricycles, large motor toys, scooters, helmets, car seats, etc.
- **Sand/Sandboxes:**
 - **YES:** New sand for sandbox, replacement of a sand box, materials to build a sandbox, and sand box covers
- **Security/Camera Systems:**
 - **NO:** Ring cameras; ring/video door bell; monitoring equipment; keyless entry systems; security doors; security door locks with wifi codes; any video monitoring system or other security system; security monitoring services

- **Sheds/Outbuildings:**
 - **YES:** Small, prefabricated storage sheds or shed kits, dedicated to child care program for outdoor equipment no larger than 120 square feet (10x12); playhouse larger than portable toddler structure but not greater than 10x12; surface under shed may be considered
 - **NO:**
 - Large sheds, even if prefabricated or purchased as a kit if larger than 120 square feet. No on-site construction of sheds of any size. Any size shed or structure with a loft or shelving (disallowed by DHS as items could fall on a child).
 - chicken coops or pet containment measures.
 - concrete foundations or significant landscaping for shed surface
 - requests to pay the difference in price for a shed larger than 120 square feet
- **Sick/Quiet Room:**
 - **YES:** Repairing/adding a sick and/or quiet space that is separate from the activity area
 - **NO:** Adult furniture including but not limited to beds, rockers, stuffed chairs, recliners, occasional tables, dressers
- **Signage:**
 - **YES:** Adding or replacing signage on the program grounds
- **Sprinkler (indoor) Systems:**
 - **YES:** Repairing/installing an indoor sprinkler/fire suppression system(s) within the child care program area when required by fire marshal
 - **NO:** In areas not utilized by the child care program
- **Sprinkler (outdoor) Systems:**
 - **YES:** to maintain grass in outdoor play area designated for child care program only - square footage documentation of child care play space and full yard is required and should be broken out in quote
 - **NO:** full yard installation or installed in any area of the yard other than for the child care program
- **Storage Cabinets:**
 - **YES:** Adding storage furniture (free-standing or built-in) such as storage units, cubbies, lockers, book shelves dedicated to child care program
- **Sun Shades/Umbrellas:**
 - **NO:** including built-in shades over play structures, large umbrellas, awnings, gazebos, screen rooms, tents, enclosing/screening porches or decks
- **Tree removal:**
 - **YES:** Tree removal and/or stump grinding from within immediate child care playground areas for child safety - photo documentation of tree in the play space required for eligibility.
 - **NO:** Tree or stump removal outside of children's play space, tree trimming or removal of shrubs/bushes/hedges or other plantings
- **Wall panels:**
 - **YES:** Adding or replacing sound absorbing wall panels

- **Windows/Window Treatments:**
 - **YES:** Repairing or replacing a window(s) and/or external screens due to damage, adding cord tie-downs for window blinds or curtain cord tension or tie-down devices for child safety
 - **NO:** Replacing all windows in a facility; adding or replacing window treatments of any type (blinds, curtains, drapes, shades); adding windows to a screened-in porch

- **Well Repair/Septic Systems:**
 - **YES:** Minor repair of contaminated well for health/safety reasons (i.e., water does not pass licensing requirements) or replacement of damaged well/septic cover for safety
 - **NO:**
 - Well shock/treatment not required by licensing
 - Major repairs or replacement of well or septic system
 - Drainage field
 - Emptying sewage tanks

- **Unfinished Basement**
 - **YES:** Minor renovation of basement space dedicated to child care program
 - **NO:** Complete finishing/renovation; insulation or structural work within external walls

*Any of the above referenced as general renovations/repair, minor renovation/improvement to basement or minor external/outdoor repair may comprise a small portion of conversion or renovation of garage, out-building or community facility, including but not limited to church, school, store front, business, vacant house, community center, pod, or senior center.