



First Children's Finance

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Ineligible and Eligible Expenses for the Make Way for Kids Grant

Funding for the Make Way for Kids grant is allocated to Vermont from the federal Child Care Development Fund, which prohibits spending on new constructions or major renovation. The following list of items and services have been identified as ineligible and eligible uses according to statutory restrictions. For needs not referenced, please contact vtgrants@firstchildrensfinance.org for guidance.

Ineligible Expenses for Grant

The following expenses are **not** eligible to be funded by the Make Way for Kids grant:

Due to state and federal funding restrictions, **the grant may not be used for direct construction costs** such as building materials, direct labor costs, and subcontract costs associated with the erecting of a new facility or major renovation. **Structural changes** such as major additions, expanding a building's footprint, foundation changes, or full replacement of a roof, etc., **are not eligible.**

Grant dollars may not be used retroactively for items or services purchased prior to grant approval.

Eligible Expenses for Grant

Below is a list of expenses that are eligible to be funded by the Make Way for Kids grant:

- Minor renovations and improvements to family child care homes or public or commercial buildings that allow for additional infant, toddler, or preschool care within the child care site.
- Program changes or improvements to increase the total number of infants, toddlers or preschoolers served at the program (including expenses related to ensuring inclusive environments and meeting developmental needs of all children served).
- Equipment and materials needed to support early learning environments, physical health, and the wellbeing of *children served in newly created child care slots* (e.g., cribs, changing tables, outdoor play equipment, literacy materials, learning toys, etc.).
- Expenses related to offering newly created non-standard hour care spaces (evenings and weekends).
- Training and compensation costs related to workforce recruitment, program start up, or maintaining a program or classroom.

- Expenses related to hiring project support to ensure and increase momentum of the startup or expansion project (project manager, architectural expertise, business consulting, or training).
- Replacement of damaged equipment or materials, or minor renovations made necessary due to the recent flooding disaster.