

Financing and Program Options for Child Care Centers, Etc.

FEDERAL:

Rural Development Office: <https://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/community-facilities-direct-loan-grant-program/ia>

For Red Oak - USDA RD would require it be coordinated with the mentioned existing non-profit Sunshine & Rainbows/Child Resource Center located in Red Oak. They have their long-term financing with their agency that was incurred when the facility opened in 1993. Expansion at their existing location or relocated to a new location/new facility could be eligible. My understanding is USDA RD will not be able to fund another project in the same community while we have one with an existing loan. Also, Just like the CDBG program, USDA RD's loan and grant funds cannot be used to develop a childcare facility in a flood zone.

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STATE:

Iowa Grant Watch - <https://iowa.grantwatch.com/grant-search.php> - Several of our centers already pay for subscriptions to this...maybe partner with this? It is a paid subscription based service that does offer opportunities for children, preschool, training, capital funding, business, etc.

DHS Child Care and Development (of Iowa) Block Grants - <https://dhs.iowa.gov/child-care-and-development-block-grant>

REGIONAL/LOCAL:

SWIPCO – Southwest IA Planning Council – Alexis Fleener – She is our COG and she helps write our grants and administers them. John McCurdy is the Executive Director and he also serves on the board for the Atlantic/YMCA childcare center (and helped them get started)...Alexis can do a comprehensive child care study, although she has reviewed our survey questions recently dropped to all major employers in Red Oak, Stanton and Villisca.

For a Childcare Center, if there is a plan for a storm shelter in the building design/reno, she suggested one could apply for a grant for the storm shelter portion of the building through the Iowa Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Management. This would be on top of a CDBG Community Facilities Grant – which is only eligible if not in a flood plain. For any CDBG application, the City is the applicant and SWIPCO can work with the community to prepare the application.

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CDBG – Community Facilities Funding – the City has to be the applicant - **Application Deadline: 04/19/2019**

<https://www.iowagrants.gov/insideLinkOpps.jsp?documentPk=1314908543321>



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Iowa Women's Foundation (IWF)

IWF provides funds to nonprofit organizations throughout the state who work directly with women and girls. Childcare is one of their focus areas.

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CACFP (Child and Adult Care Food Program)

Provides meal reimbursement to child care centers and other entities. For profit centers must receive title XX funds for at least 25% of enrolled children or licensed capacity (whichever is less) or at least 25% of the children in care must be eligible for free and reduced price meals.

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[https://www.educateiowa.gov/pk-12/nutrition-programs/child-adult-care-food-programs](http://www.educateiowa.gov/pk-12/nutrition-programs/child-adult-care-food-programs)

First Children's Finance

Loans and financial technical assistance, business consulting, training and resources
Angie Rae Dunca, Senior Business Development Specialist – 515-229-5064-angie@firstchildrensfinance.org
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Iowa Quality Rating Improvement System (Currently undergoing restructuring)

Iowa's quality rating improvement system provides a bonus for child care, early education and school-age programs that meet specific criteria.

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Iowa West Foundation

25 Main Place, Suite 500, Council Bluffs, IA 51503 – 712-309-3000 – grantinfo@iowawestfoundation.org
<http://www.iowawestfoundation.org/>

Montgomery County Community Foundation (working in partnership with the Red Oak Heritage Foundation) –

<http://www.iowacommunityfoundations.org/montgomery-county-community-foundation.aspx> - Denny Bloom -
dennis@omahafoundation.org or 800-794-3458

Boost4Families – Michelle Wodtke Franks - Positive Families - <http://www.boost4families.org/what-we-fund.html>

Monogram Meats – Monograms Loves Kids Foundation – Harlan, IA - <http://www.monogramfoods.com/values/mlkf/> - Here is their 2018 Applications were accepted March due May 31, 2018 – I do not see a 2019 notification -
http://www.monogramfoods.com/site/assets/files/1690/2018_grant_application.pdf

The Wellmark Foundation – playground equipment, etc. - <https://www.wellmark.com/foundation/grants/match-grants-small-2018.html>

DURABLE, QUALITY TOYS/EQUIPMENT

CAPLAN Foundation - <https://earlychildhoodfoundation.org/> Early Childhood Welfare, Education and Play and Parenting Education. Read their Funding Limitations and Find their Grant Application as well as other Grants awarded. – Grant application deadline is **January 31, 2019**.

LakeShore Materials

Provide educational, quality puzzles and equipment/toys – “Google lakeshore materials child care (durable) toys”

EDUCATIONAL TRAINING for CHILD CARE WORKERS or ENTREPRENEURS -

Child Care Resource & Referral of SW IA – Training – 14-hour curriculum written and being updated by Carol Jensen – and other training resources/info here: <https://iowaccrr.org/training>

SWCC Early Childhood Education and CDA Preparation - <https://www.swcciwia.edu/academics/areas-of-study/arts-and-sciences-college-transfer/early-childhood-education-cda-preparation>

Iowa Child Care Provider Training Registry - <https://ccmis.dhs.state.ia.us/trainingregistry/>

MISCELLANEOUS:

The Coalition for Children & Family Services of Iowa - <https://www.iachild.org/cwpta>

STARTING AN IOWA NON-PROFIT - - <https://www.iasourcelink.com/startup/iowa-business-steps/starting-a-nonprofit>

IOWA WOMEN-OWNED Business Resources to possible tap - <https://www.iasourcelink.com/funding/women-and-minority-owner-resources>

CHILDCARE WAGES OF IOWA 2017 Annual Report - <http://www.iowaaeyc.org/2017%20WAGE%24%20Annual%20Report.pdf>

Daycare BLOG Forum – Tool to find items, sell/buy items, connect with others, etc. -
<https://www.daycare.com/forum/showthread.php?t=12905>

Blackhawk – is establishing an insurance program for childcare providers/workers working with a national provider – Shawnna will keep everyone informed.

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