



Child Care Infrastructure Fund Frequently Asked Questions

Question 1. Is it possible to receive funding for multiple rounds/bond sales?

Answer: Yes, you may receive more than one award. However, applicants who have an open contract with Business Oregon for a Child Care Infrastructure Fund project must close out their project prior to submitting a new application at the same facility.

Question 2. Is there a minimum or maximum number of children who must be served using these funds?

Answer: No. We ask that your project accomplishes one of the following goals: (1) Increase number of slots in existing child care programs, (2) Add new slots by helping new child care programs open their doors, or (3) Preserve existing child care slots by enhancing the physical environment of your program. Every slot created or preserved helps children and families in Oregon.

Question 3. Are programs required to increase the number of child care slots to apply for funding?

Answer: No. While we prioritize programs that are increasing infant and toddler slots, it is not a requirement for funding.

Question 4. What are the reporting requirements?

Answer: Selected applicants will need to provide before and after photographs of their projects and submit all receipts proving that funds were expended on approved grant expenditures. For grant over \$100,000, 80% of the award will be disbursed after you sign your contract. The remaining 20% will be reimbursed to you after you have submitted your receipts.

Question 5. Can I use these funds to support operational costs, such as staffing or rent?



Answer: No, these funds are coming from the sale of lottery bonds, which restricts the types of costs that are allowable under this program. The types of cost that are eligible include **fixed, immovable assets**. Immovable asset means the land, buildings on the land, and permanent improvements to the land. This includes objects that are permanently fixed, glued, or cemented to the land. Fixed and immovable assets include new construction, building repairs and renovation, commercial property, and items that cannot be removed from the structure such as electrical work, fire suppression systems, heating and air conditioning systems, and more. Please consult the Program Guidelines for a more comprehensive list of eligible and ineligible costs.

Question 6. Who will be prioritized for funds?

Answer: There are several priorities that the Child Care Infrastructure Fund will prioritize for funding:

- Culturally specific organizations and programs that serve populations who have experienced systemic disparities;
- Programs expanding or offering infant and toddler care;
- Programs in the most severe child care deserts;
- Programs that offer extended hour care;
- Programs that accept subsidy such as Employment Related Day Care (ERDC);
- Programs that operate full day (at least six hours per day), and full year (approximately 136 hours a month or 1,632 hours a year);
- Programs offering instruction in languages other than English for at least one half of the program day
- Co-located child care programs
- Early Intervention/Early Childhood Special Education (EI/ECSE) programs operated by an [approved contractor](#)

In addition to these factors, applicants that can demonstrate project readiness and program sustainability, and community need will strengthen their application.

Question 7. What types of projects will these funds cover?

Answer: We have three eligible project types:



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- **Minor Renovation and Repairs (\$20,000 – \$100,000):** These projects are designed for applicants who are ready to get their project started or have a project in process. These grant funds can be used for a wide variety of indoor and outdoor projects, but are restricted to fixed and immovable assets.
- **New Construction or Major Renovation (\$100,001 - \$2,000,000):** These are large scale projects such as remodeling a site to add a new classroom or the construction of a new child care center.
- **Property Acquisition (\$20,000 - \$2,000,000):** This is an incredible opportunity to alleviate the difficulty in finding rental properties or purchasing Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs). The Child Care Infrastructure Fund will be able to help in purchases of land, buildings or ADUs that will not be used as private domiciles. Those applying for property acquisition may also apply for renovation or repair projects for the proposed property in the same application.

Question 8. Will family child care providers be able to access the funding?

Answer: Absolutely. Family child care providers make up an invaluable part of the child care ecosystem in Oregon.

Question 9. What is the time frame for expenditure of funds if awarded?

Answer: All grant funds must be spent within three years of the bond sale. For this round, funds must be spent by May 31, 2027.

Question 10. Will there be a match requirement?

Answer: School districts are required to meet a 100% match requirement. There are no other match requirements at this time.

Question 11. What are there grant maximums or limits?

Answer: Our award limits are as follows:

- **Minor Renovation and Repairs (\$20,000 – \$100,000)**
- **New Construction or Major Renovation (\$100,001 - \$2,000,000)**



- **Property Acquisition (\$20,000 - \$2,000,000)**

Question 12. Will providers in rural counties have access to grant funds?

Answer: Yes. In fact, grant funds will be distributed throughout the state so that providers in both urban and rural parts of the state will have access to these grant funds. Areas of the state that are in the most severe child care deserts will be prioritized using state child care desert data.

Question 13. After I submit my application when will I hear back if I'm selected or not?

Answer: There is a high level of interest in this grant opportunity. All applicants will be notified if they were selected or not within 45 days of application closure date.

Question 14. Should I agree to pay contractors or enter into any other agreement to pay for services before I have signed my contract?

Answer: No. This is a competitive grant process, and submission of an application does not mean your project will be funded. You should only begin work on your project after the Oregon Business Development Department has returned to you a signed copy of your contract.

Question 15. Can these grant funds be used to purchase a property which will be a private domicile, in other words a residence where I or someone else lives in?

Answer: No, the purchased property can only be used for child care business related purposes. No one may live on the property.

Question 16. Do I need to get a minimum of two bids from contractors for Minor Repairs and Renovations or Major Renovations and new Construction projects?

Answer: Yes, applicants are expected to conduct due diligence when obtaining bids and selecting contractors. In areas of the state where obtaining multiple bids



is unreasonable, Business Oregon may accept a written explanation as to why multiple bids could not be secured. For more information on bid requirements, please see our Program Guidelines.

Question 17. If I'm interested in applying for the Real Property Acquisition project, do I need to have a property selected?

Answer: Yes, you should have a property selected that you would like to purchase. As of January 2025, an appraisal is no longer required for property acquisition projects at the time of application. However, a Comparative Market Analysis (CMA) conducted by a licensed realtor in the State of Oregon must be attached to your application.

An appraisal will be required if you are selected for funding. This process can occur after you have received your award letter but prior to contract execution. Business Oregon may be able to reimburse appraisal costs.

Question 18. What happens if the property I selected isn't available after I submit my application or I get selected, and the property isn't available now?

Answer: If the property that you wanted isn't available after you submit your application you should continue looking for properties in case you get selected. If you are selected for funding and the property you listed in your application isn't available, you have 180 days to find another property and start providing care for children.

Question 19. When should I start my project?

Answer: You should not begin your project until you are under contract with Business Oregon. You will only receive your contract after you have been selected and have provided Business Oregon with the requested verification documentation. If your project is already in progress, you not be able to use CCIF grant funds for pre-award costs.