

Kansas State-Provider Cooperation Committee
Health and Safety Fund for Home Based Child Care Providers

Facility Upgrade Grant Application

Deadline: Must be postmarked on or before October 31, 2010

Overview:

The Kansas State-Provider Cooperation Committee (SPCC), composed of Child Care Providers Together (CCPT), the Department of Social and Rehabilitation Services, and the Kansas Department of Health and Environment, has established a Health and Safety Fund to assist home based child care providers improve the quality of care they provide to Kansas families by adopting the best practices in health, safety, and early learning.

With resources provided by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA), the Health and Safety Fund is providing Facility Upgrade Grants to home based providers who need additional resources to improve the health and safety of their care, achieve licensing standards, improve access for children with special needs, and increase the sustainability of their child care business. The goals of the SPCC are to increase the availability of safe, quality, and affordable child care for Kansas families through the Health and Safety Fund and this grant program.

Grants will be awarded to those applicants whose projects closely reflect the goals of the Health and Safety Fund, are well documented in terms of established need, description, and proof of cost estimates, and whose regulatory compliance record and professional development demonstrate a professional commitment to safe, healthy, high quality child care and early learning.

Use of Facility Upgrade Grants:

The Facility Upgrade Grants will be awarded to home based child care providers for a wide range of projects that achieve structural improvements to home based child care facilities, including such projects as (but not limited to these examples):

- ✓ fencing and gates
- ✓ playground surface
- ✓ outdoor play equipment that meets KDHE safety and licensure standards
- ✓ indoor child safe furniture
- ✓ guardrails for stairs

In the event that you do not own your property, your request for grant funds should be for items or improvements that could be readily relocated should you move your business.

Eligibility:

The Facility Upgrade Grants will be awarded to eligible home based child care providers only. To be eligible, home based child care providers must offer proof of the following criteria:

- ✓ Full and Complete Application
- ✓ Kansas business address
- ✓ Proof of current registration or license
- ✓ Proof of twelve (12) months of current and continuing registered or licensed child care in Kansas
- ✓ Proof of Completion/Certification of Infant/Child First Aid, CPR, and Safe Sleep/SIDS

Applicant Information

Please attach proof of your current certification for CPR, First Aid, and Safe Sleep/SIDS

Child Care Provider Name _____

Registration/License number _____
(please attach a copy of your registration or license)

Business Address: _____

City _____, **Zip Code** _____

Telephone: _____ **Area Code (_____)** _____

E-mail: _____@_____

Do you own the property at which you provide your child care? YES NO (please circle one)

When did you begin providing childcare in the state of Kansas? ____/____ (mo/yr)

During the past 2 years, have you provided childcare to an SRS subsidized (Child Care Subsidy Program) family? YES NO (please circle one).

Has other grant funding been requested for this item or project? Explain:

Did you attend, or are you registered to attend, a Professional Development Day provided by the Health and Safety Fund?

During the past two years, have you completed additional professional development activities? Please explain and attach proof of completion:

Summary of Grant Request

Funds will be used to (please check all that apply):

- Meet required health, safety or licensing standards
- Replace damaged or worn out facilities
- Improve accessibility for children with special needs
- Increase the sustainability of your child care business

Amount of grant funding requested: \$ _____ (max. \$2,000 per grant)

Grant Project Description and Costs

Please provide and attach a detailed description of your facility upgrade project and how its completion would assist you in meeting state and local health and safety standards, obtain a license if you are only registered, improve the access of your program for children with special needs, or increase the sustainability of your child care business.

In addition, provide a detailed list and proof of all costs associated with the completion of your facility upgrade project.

Attach your Grant Project Description and List/Proof of all costs to your application.

Certification and Permission

I certify that the information provided in this application and attachments are true, complete and correct. I give permission to the Kansas State-Provider Cooperation Committee to review my compliance record and professional development credentials as well as to verify any and all information contained in this application.

Provider Name _____ (please print)

Signature _____ Date _____

Please provide the name and contact information of any person(s) who assisted you with this application (below) if your primary language is not English.

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Please submit your application to:

Alexandra Townsend

Coordinator of the Kansas State-Provider Cooperation Committee

PO Box 2625

Topeka, KS 66601

Applications sent elsewhere will not be considered.

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After the October 31, 2010 deadline, there will be a 60-90 day review period after which the committee will notify successful applicants of their grants.

Not everyone who applies will receive funds.

All decisions by the committee are final.

The State-Provider Cooperation Committee reserves the right to audit purchases made with grant funds.

All questions should be sent to:

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