

Fast Facts About Start Up Grants

- Start-up grants can be awarded up to \$2,000 for Family Child Care and \$3,000 for Centers.
- Eligibility - Any program that is actively providing early learning services to children ranging in age from birth to school-age and was licensed or exempt from licensing for the first time within the past 6 months,
 - OR,
 - Is soon-to-be licensed with the Minnesota Department of Human Services or Tribal Government and have had their initial visit with their licensor.
 - OR,
 - Is an existing program that is expanding to take more children (licensed capacity will change).
- Grant funds are limited to items and services required by licensing or the Fire Marshall.
- All materials must be new and must be purchased from a retail store, not a private party. Purchases must be made by the license holder or designated person at a child care center.
- Eligible items that are for 100% business use will be funded at 100%. Items that are shared with a household or organization (such as a church) will be funded at 50%.
- All grants are issued on a reimbursement basis. If awarded, reimbursement occurs once receipt verifications and child care license have been received (or verification that license exempt program is operating) and required training has been completed.
- If applying prior to being licensed, documentation from your licensor that the items in your grant application are needed to meet licensing requirements is required to be submitted with your application.
- Start-Up grants are available on an ongoing basis but are subject to available funds.
- Any program awarded a grant should be licensed and have spent their funding by the beginning of May of the fiscal year (fiscal year is July 1st – June 30th).

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