

ABOUT THE CHILD CARE SUSTAINABILITY TRUST

The purpose of Childcare Sustainability Trust is to support eligible licensed child care facilities by providing additional grant funding to a variety of projects including infrastructure improvements, innovative program enhancement, equipment, and professional development and learning opportunities for staff, with the goal of developing and enhancing inclusive and accessible services.

- **Infrastructure improvement:** Major repairs related to maintenance for aging buildings, one-time exceptional support for unexpected events, new or replacement indoor and outdoor equipment to improve play-based learning opportunities
- **Program Enhancement:** Improved quality, accessibility, and demonstrates inclusivity child care programming through new and innovative approaches (e.g. pilot projects that expand or shift hours to meet the needs of modern workforce, enhanced services, such as parent supports for low-income families or physical space improvements for accessible indoor or outdoor spaces)
- **Equipment:** New equipment, maintenance or replacement of aging equipment
- **Professional Development and Learning Opportunities:** Initiatives or projects supporting ongoing skill development of staff to enhance programming in an innovative way (e.g. culturally based training, specialized training for children with additional needs, equipment to support virtual learning, purchase of early learning and development training programs/modules)

Eligibility

To be eligible for one-time Childcare Sustainability Trust funding, child care facilities must be, licensed and operational. Eligible child care facilities may only submit one application, but may apply for more than one project. The funding will provide up to a maximum of \$25,000 for child care centres and \$10,000 for child care homes.

Facilities must submit a completed application form, provide clear description of the project, and include itemized breakdown of costs and/or quotations from at least three registered vendors. Additional information may be requested by ELCC to assist in processing applications.

It is anticipated that more applications may be received than can be accommodated by available funds. All applications will be reviewed and prioritized based on eligible projects meeting the purpose of Childcare Sustainability Trust and assessed level of need. First consideration will be given to underserved Manitoba communities: Indigenous, lone-parent, low-income, Francophone, rural/Northern, low-coverage, newcomer families.

Section 1: Facility Information

Facility Name:	Facility ID:
Facility Address:	
Contact Person:	
Phone Number:	E-mail Address:

Section 2: Project Streams

Please select the stream(s) that best describes your project:

- Infrastructure Improvement
- Program Enhancement
- Equipment
- Professional Development and Learning Opportunities

Section 2a: Project Description

Please attach a clear and relevant description of your project(s), breakdown of costs, and quotations (to support the assessment of your application)

Section 2b: Project Costs

Funds Requested	\$
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Section 2c: Project Outcomes

Your project description should clearly identify how your project meets one or more of the expected project outcome(s):

- Minimizing interruptions of continued access to high-quality, accessible early learning and child care services.
- Improved child care programming to better meet a range of diverse needs for children and families
- Creation of a more inclusive and accessible child care setting for children with additional or unique needs.
- Improved financial sustainability
- Greater flexibility of child care services
- Improved capacity of child care workforce with improved skills and knowledge in specialized areas
- Early Learning and Child Care environments that support optimal development through play-based programming

Section 3: Declaration

I/We agree that the information provided in this Application and supporting documentation is true, accurate, and complete.

Board Chair or delegate name/
owner/operator

Director name (non-profit child care
centre)

Board Chair or delegate/
owner/operator signature

Director signature (non-profit child care
centre)

Date

Date

To submit this application:

By e-mail:

1. Scan a copy of your completed, signed application along with the required supporting documents.
2. E-mail the scanned application and supporting documents as pdf attachment(s) to ELCCFinance@gov.mb.ca with "*Child Care Sustainability Trust Application*" in the e-mail subject line.

Questions regarding the application?

Please e-mail: ELCCFinance@gov.mb.ca