

SCHOOL-BASED CHILD CARE EXPANSION PROJECT

Manitoba's Action Plan under the Canada-Manitoba Canada-Wide Early Learning and Child Care Agreement provides capital funding for the development and expansion of child care centres to increase access to licensed child care.

Under the agreement, Manitoba is targeting the development of 23,000 new full time child care spaces by March 31, 2026, with dedicated capital grant funding to support the creation of 5,890 new child care spaces through capital projects.

This School-Based Child Care Expansion Project enables schools to develop or expand on-site child care programming. The Project is open to Manitoba school divisions willing to provide surplus land or school building space for new child care spaces including infant, preschool and school-age spaces.

New child care centres or conversions to existing school building space will be fully funded under the Canada-Manitoba Canada-Wide Early Learning and Child Care Agreement. The centre will also receive start-up and operating grant funding as and when the new spaces are developed, licensed and opened.

Project management will be the responsibility of the School Division, and will be considered as part of the overall project costs.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

The Department of Education and Early Childhood Learning invites Manitoba school divisions to submit an Expression of Interest for participation the School-Based Child Care Expansion Project.

To participate school divisions must provide:

- Surplus land (in acres) or building space (in square footage) for expansion of proposed number of spaces at schools.
- Fifteen (15) year lease between the School Division to the child care provider selected to operate the centre.
- Grounds and exterior building services, maintenance, and repairs.

TIMELINE

Applicants will be notified about whether their submissions were approved before May 31, 2023, and should be prepared to begin construction within 3 months of project approval.

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST SUBMISSION DEADLINE

The deadline to submit a completed Expression of Interest for the School Based Expansion Child Care project is April 28, 2023.

SUBMITTING THE APPLICATION ELECTRONICALLY

For optimal use of the PDF application form, download Adobe Acrobat Reader or an Adobe Acrobat product as follows:

1. A free copy of Adobe Acrobat Reader can be downloaded at <https://get.adobe.com/reader/>.
2. Download this PDF and open in Adobe Reader.
3. Fill in the application form and press Submit.

Email applications with required supporting documents to CCGF@gov.mb.ca.

SUBMITTING THE APPLICATION BY MAIL

Please complete and mail the completed Expression of Interest to:

Child Care School Based Expansion Project
Early Learning and Child Care Division
Department of Education and Early Childhood Learning
210–114 Garry Street, Winnipeg, MB Canada R3C 4V4

All submissions will be reviewed and if additional information is required, applicants will be contacted. Please feel free to submit any other information that may help with the assessment eligibility. If you require further information about the Expression of Interest, please send an email to the address above.

ORGANIZATION INFORMATION

Name of School Division : _____

Contact person's name and position (e.g., superintendent, secretary-treasurer): _____

Address: _____ Postal Code: _____

City/Town: _____ Phone number: _____

Email Address: _____

Name of school or vacant land where the child care centre will be located: _____

Physical address of school or vacant land: _____

City/Town: _____ Postal Code: _____

DEMONSTRATED SCHOOL/COMMUNITY NEED

1. a) Explain the need for child care in the school/community. Please include statistics on the number of children attending the school by grade and any waitlist information from school/community child care providers if available.

1. b) Does the school have an existing child care centre? Yes No

If yes, please provide name of the facility and the current number of licenced child care spaces in the facility.

Name of Child Care Centre _____

Program	Number of spaces
Infant (18 months to 2 years)	
Pre-School spaces (2 to 5 years)	
School Age spaces (6 to 12 years)	
Total	

3. Provide any other relevant information to support child care proposal (e.g. partnership with existing child care organization, programming to be offered, how utility or cleaning services within school building will be shared).

4. Please identify whether school serves the following under-served groups as they will be prioritized for child care centre development:

Low income

Indigenous

Newcomer

Racialized

Lone-parent

Families working at non-standard hours

Francophone

Other: Please specify: _____

5. Please indicate the potential increase in number of licensed spaces through the expansion/new build and note that infant and pre-school age spaces will be prioritized for development:

Please note, staff to children ratio requirements for licensing a centre are as follows:

- 1 staff to 4 infant (18 months to 2 years)
- 1 staff to 8 pre-school (2 to 6 years)
- 1 staff to 15 school-age (6 to 12 years)

For example:

8 infant spaces + 32 pre-school spaces + 15 school-age = 55 spaces

16 infant spaces + 58 pre-school spaces + 30 school-age spaces = 104 spaces

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ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTATION

Map identifying proposed location of the new facility OR floor plan identifying building space to be converted.

Projection of school enrollment by grade level (if available) for next 3-5 years.

Completed Expression of Interest Application Form.

READINESS TO PROCEED

Check all that apply.

Ready and agree to provide land on school property or available building space within the school for the new child care centre.

Agree to engage in a lease agreement of fifteen (15) years with the chosen child care operator.

Agree to provide grounds and exterior building services, maintenance and repairs.

Agree to hold ownership of the new centre.

SIGNATURE

Name of authorized signing authority: _____

Position: _____

Contact number: _____

I agree that the information provided in this application form is true and complete.

Applicant Signature: _____

Date: _____

Submit completed Expressions of Interest to:

**Child Care School Based Expansion Project
(c/o Facility and Capital Development Analyst)**

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