

Aspen Community Foundation Family Child Care Start Up Grant Application

Objective Increase licensed home child care programs in the Parachute to Aspen region

Description This grant is being offered by Aspen Community Foundation in conjunction with Garfield County DHS and support from the Early Childhood Network and Kids First to better support licensed home childcare programs especially in Western Garfield County. With the recent change in State licensing rules for home providers, our communities may see a decrease in licensed programs and therefore an increase in childcare providers not connected to a system of support and quality improvement.

These mini-grants are intended to provide financial support to meet licensing requirements and incentivize providers to meet quality improvement goals. Priority will be given to programs seeking to expand access to licensed infant and toddler care.

Eligibility Any pending home childcare provider who has a processed application, has completed the required 15-hour pre-licensing training and a pre-licensing visit or who has been licensed within the past 6 months is eligible to be considered for the mini grant.

Funding Funding can be disbursed to each qualifying applicant for the following purposes:

- Training
- Zoning Process/Permits
- Developmentally appropriate equipment and materials
- Small home improvements to meet licensing requirements
- Substitutes for trainings, parent meetings
- Reimbursement for start-up costs already incurred
- Other expenses approved by the Garfield County DHS Licensing Specialist


To Apply Fill out the following application as instructed. Please contact Rebecca Romeyn at (970) 945-9191 x 3066 to have an application sent to you or for grant consultation and support to help maximize requests. Completed applications can be submitted via email to rromeyn@garfield-county.com or sent to:

**Rebecca Romeyn
Garfield County DHS-CCQL
195 W 14th St, Bldg B
Rifle CO 81650**

Grants will be reviewed and awarded through a point system (see chart). Individuals interested in infant - toddler licensure may be allotted up to double the maximum incentive. For example, if opening an infant/toddler home with 2 providers, when there are 2 equally qualified providers, caring for children at all times (max of 8 children between birth and 3 years old with no more than 4 under 1-year-old) the program may be eligible for up to \$5,000.

Garfield County DHS will be serving as the fiscal agent for this grant. All grant recipients will be required to fill out a W-9 form that will be provided. If the payment goes over \$600, the recipient will receive a 1099 from the County. All grant recipients will be required to sign a fiscal contract with Garfield County prior to receipt of funds.

Grant Reward Point System

Licensure Points (choose 1 option)		
6+2 licensure 2 points	6+2 licensure, commitment to enrolling 2 children under 2 4 points	Infant-Toddler licensure, 4 children max <i>Or</i> 3 under 2 licensure 4 points
Infant-Toddler licensure, 8 children max 8 points		Large Family Child Care Home licensure 4 points
Bonus Incentive Points (optional)		
Signed commitment to contract with CCCAP 2 points	 	Signed commitment to obtain Colorado Shines L2 within 12 months 2 points
2 points = up to \$1,800 4 points = up to \$2,000 6 points = up to \$2,200 8 points = \$2,500 12 points = up to \$5,000		

Grant Follow Up All grant recipients will be required to submit a written narrative regarding how funds were spent and how quality was improved through this grant process along with documentation (receipts attached to Purchase Form provided) within 31 days of receiving grant dollars. Grant recipients are encouraged to submit pictures to share with donors—this is your time to shine! Please submit to address noted on p. 1.

It is expected that programs adhere to these requirements and commitments made, including grant dollars going toward approved purchases only. Programs that fail to do so may be asked to repay grant funds or return materials purchased with grant dollars.

Free coaching and consultation around this grant, including the grant application, follow up and putting best practice into action is readily available to help make the most of this opportunity and get the biggest bang for your buck!

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(please fill out completely)

Name:

License/pending license #:

Address:

Phone #:

Email:

The license type I am applying for is (please check 1):

- 6+2
- 6+2 w/ commitment to enroll 2 children under 2
- Large Family Child Care home
- Infant –Toddler Home, capacity 4 or 3 under 2
- Infant –Toddler Home, capacity 8

I will commit to the following quality improvement efforts:

- Colorado Shines Level 2
- No thank you at this time

To help better meet the needs of families, I will commit to enrolling families contracted with the Colorado Child Care Assistance Program (CCCAP):

- Yes
- No thank you at this time

Provide a brief narrative describing how requested funds will be spent with associated costs and how these grant dollars will support goals for providing quality early care and education experiences for young children. If requesting grants dollars to reimburse costs already incurred in starting your family child care home, please make note of that.

Total Amount Requested \$ _____

Signature

Date