



2022 Aitkin County Child Care Facilities Grant Requirements

Aitkin County is awarding grants to new and existing child care providers. The grant are intended to increase the amount of child care slots and/or child care jobs within the business awarded.

Grants must be used by eligible businesses in one of three (3) categories. Examples of eligible expenses include:

1. Category I: Grant awarded for existing Child Care facilities to assist them with physical equipment and infrastructure improvements.
2. Category II: Grant awarded for the purpose of aiding in training for assistant Child Care workers for their facilities.
3. Category III: Grant awarded for aid in opening new facilities and/or licensing fees for new or start-up child care facilities.

The following State criteria must be met for eligibility:

- The Child Care business must have a physical establishment in Aitkin County
- The Child Care business must have a current active license or in the process of completing the license.
- No current tax liens with the Secretary of State.
- A Business must be current on their property taxes as of March 31, 2021 or any other obligations to Aitkin County.

A Business must submit a full application with signatures and complete the attached W-9 Form. Submittal of a completed application does not guarantee funding.

A Business owner agrees that by signing and submitting the 2022 Aitkin County Child Care Facilities Grant they will be subject to a random audit by Aitkin County for accuracy in information requested. They also agree to provide additional documentation that may be requested by Aitkin County or their representative to determine eligibility and award amount or to complete an audit of funds awarded. If it is determined that false or misleading information is provided on the 2022 Aitkin County Child Care Facilities Grant, the Business will be required to repay Aitkin County the entire grant amount.

Maximum Grant amount is tentatively \$10,000 for Child Care Center and \$5,000 for Home Based Child Care, based upon need and funds available.

Applications will be made available on February 14, 2022. Applications will be reviewed on April 27, 2022. Applications received after 4:30 p.m. April 26, 2022 may be considered if funds remain after first review. Grants will continue to be awarded until all funds are expended. Final approval will be subject to approval by the Aitkin County Board.



Grant applications will be available on the Aitkin County website and by request and may be submitted by email to Mark Jeffers, Economic Development Coordinator, mark.jeffers@co.aitkin.mn.us or by mail to Aitkin County Government Center, ATTN: Mark Jeffers, 307 2nd Street NW #314, Aitkin, MN 56431 or delivered to the Aitkin County Government Center Administration Office.

For any questions or clarifications, please contact Mark Jeffers at 218-513-6188 or mark.jeffers@co.aitkin.mn.us.

Aitkin County reserves the right to reject or modify any application or portions thereof if it feels the application does not meet the guidelines or application process requirements. Businesses may be prioritized based on need.