



## Chisago County Child Care Coalition Architect Grant Guidelines

The connection is clear: when our children thrive, so do our communities. Investing in early care and education is not only the right thing to do for our youngest citizens but the best thing to do for our economic growth and prosperity.

First Children's Finance and East Central Regional Development Commission conducted a Supply and Demand Gap Survey and Analysis which concluded that Chisago County faces a shortage of child care. The study shows a shortage of 1,449 child care slots for kids 1-5 years old. The Chisago County Child Care Coalition was established to create goals to focus on resolving the child care needs in the county.

In an attempt to 'close the gap' and increase the number of providers, Chisago County set aside state allotted funds for the Child Care Crisis. The Coalition was given these funds to actively work the goals and aid in creating more child care slots within the County.

This grant is focused on those considering a new or expanding child care business, current child care business or non-residential child care business in Chisago County. The funds from this grant may be used to determine the costs to build or renovate a building for a child care business. The applicant must contact Shelly Kunz from First Children's Finance ([shellyK@firstchildrensfinance.org](mailto:shellyK@firstchildrensfinance.org)) to obtain a list of architects and a no-cost feasibility study. The applicant should then provide three bids from the list provided and grant funds will go directly to the architect for up to \$5,000.

To learn more about this grant, please feel free to contact Nancy Hoffman, Chisago County HRA/EDA Executive Director at [nancy@chisagocounty.org](mailto:nancy@chisagocounty.org).

Thank you for your consideration of providing additional child care slots in Chisago County.

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## Chisago County Child Care Business - Architect Grant Application and Participation Agreement

The following list of tasks are required to be completed prior to receiving grant approval. By initialing the task below, you are stating the task has been fully completed.

**\*If your project is approved, funds will be paid directly to the chosen bidder.**

\_\_\_\_\_ Contacted Shelly Kunz at First Children’s Finance for vetted Architects and feasibility study.

Shelly: [shellyK@firsrtchildrensfinance.org](mailto:shellyK@firsrtchildrensfinance.org), 507-218-2265

\_\_\_\_\_ Obtain and attach three official bids (ensure name, address & phone are listed)

\_\_\_\_\_ List chosen bidder on form below to approve payment.

Number of Child Care Slots Estimated to Create: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Child Care Slots Estimated to Retain: \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ County: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Location of your proposed Child Care Business: \_\_\_\_\_

How did you hear about the Chisago County Child Care Architect Grant: \_\_\_\_\_

Architect Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Architect Business Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Reasons for choosing this bidder:

Applicant Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

\*By signing this application, I certify all information is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Initial this box to give the coalition permission to use any photography/videos of this project for promotional and marketing purposes to further ‘close the gap’ on child care shortage in Chisago County.

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