

# Grants to Assist with Family Child Care Home Licensing

## **What funding is available to assist with the costs of Family Child Care Home licensing?**

There are two types of grants available to assist Family Child Care Homes with the costs of developing and licensing new child care spaces: The Fire, Health and Safety Grant and the Start-Up Grant.

### **Fire, Health and Safety Grant**

This is a one-time grant to assist new Family Child Care Homes with costs associated with meeting the fire, health and safety requirements of *The Child Care Act, 2014* and *The Child Care Regulations, 2015*, including the requirements resulting from fire inspections. This may involve purchasing equipment or making necessary renovations to a residential premises.

**NOTE:** The licensee is responsible for meeting any municipal requirements and completing other inspections as required.

### **What are some examples of acceptable expenditures?**

See page two for examples of acceptable expenditures.

All applications for the Fire, Health and Safety Grant must be accompanied by the written cost estimates for the items. Copies of fire inspections or written communication from the fire inspector may be requested to verify that an item is required as a result of an inspection.

### **What costs are excluded from this fund?**

Equipment not required to meet fire, health or safety requirements or not required prior to the commencement of licensed operations will not be funded.

### **What is the maximum amount a Family Child Care Home provider may receive?**

New Family Child Care Homes are eligible to receive a maximum of \$2,400

### **When is payment made?**

Fire, Health and Safety Grants are typically paid to the licensee after the completion of a fire inspection prior to the commencement of licensed operations.

### **Start-Up Grant**

#### **What is the Start-Up Grant?**

This is a one-time grant to assist Family Child Care Homes with the costs associated with developing new child care spaces.

#### **What are some examples of acceptable expenditures?**

Any costs associated with developing new child care spaces are acceptable. Proposed expenditures should be discussed with your Early Learning and Child Care (ELCC) Consultant.

#### **What is the maximum amount a Family Child Care Home provider may receive?**

- **New** Family Child Care Homes are eligible to receive a maximum of \$3,525 (\$3,975 in the Northern Saskatchewan Administration District)
- **New** Group Family Child Care Homes are eligible to receive a maximum of \$3,725

(\$4,225 in the Northern Saskatchewan Administration District)

- **Existing** Family Child Care Homes converting to Group Family Child Care Homes are eligible to receive a maximum of \$400

**When is payment made?**

Start-Up grants are paid to the licensee after all the licensing requirements have been met and a licence has been issued.

**How Does a Family Child Care Home provider apply for these grants?**

Application forms for Start-Up and Fire, Health and Safety Grants are available from the Early Learning and Child Care (ELCC) Consultant who is assisting with the development of the child care spaces. Applications should be submitted to the ELCC Consultant.

**Who can I call if I have questions about the Start-Up and Fire, Health and Safety Grant?**

Please call your ELCC Consultant for clarification or consultation.

<b>Fire, Health and Safety Grant Acceptable Expenditures</b>	
<b>Regulation</b>	<b>Specifics</b>
Section 10 – Application for Licence	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fire inspection</li> <li>• Fire requirements associated with inspections, for example:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Fire extinguishers</li> <li>○ Interconnected/hardwired smoke detectors</li> <li>○ Emergency lighting</li> <li>○ Quick release hardware on doors</li> <li>○ Enclosing furnace area</li> <li>○ Second means of egress from lower level of home</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Heating system inspection</li> <li>• Criminal Record Check - applicant</li> <li>• Criminal Record Check - others living in the home</li> </ul>
Section 27 – Medications	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Locked storage for medication</li> </ul>
Section 28 – Hazardous items	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Child safety latches</li> <li>• Locked storage for chemicals</li> <li>• Outlet covers</li> <li>• Child safety gate</li> <li>• Stair rails</li> </ul>
Section 31 – First aid supplies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• First aid supplies</li> </ul>
Section 38 – Insurance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Liability insurance - house</li> <li>• Liability insurance - vehicle</li> </ul>
Section 61 – Qualifications, licensees	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• First aid course - applicant</li> <li>• CPR course - applicant</li> </ul>
Section 63 – Assistants	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Criminal Record Check - assistant</li> <li>• First aid course - assistant</li> <li>• CPR course - assistant</li> </ul>
Section 67 – Outdoor play area	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fence/gate</li> <li>• Deck railings</li> <li>• Appropriate ground cover (e.g., pea gravel, sand)</li> </ul>

**Note:** This list is not meant to be exhaustive. Expenditures for other items required prior to the commencement of licensed child care operations may be acceptable at the discretion of the Early Learning and Child Care Program Manager. Also, many expenditures that are not allowable as Fire, Health and Safety Grant expenditures may be acceptable as Start-Up Grant expenditures.

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