



United States Department of Agriculture
Rural Development
Traverse City Area Office

CHILD CARE GRANT INITIATIVE PROGRAM

We are writing today to relay information regarding a Grant Program available to Child Care Providers. This Grant is available through USDA, Rural Development's Community Facility Program.

This program offers a maximum grant of \$50,000 to eligible applicants.

- Grants are limited to 15% of the total cost of the project, for applicants in an area where the Median Household Income (MHI) is less than \$41,191 and the population is less than 20,000,
- **OR** 35% for applicants with a MHI less than \$36,614 and the population is less than 20,000,
- **OR** 55% for applicants with a MHI less than \$32,037 and the population is less than 12,000,
- **OR** 75% for applicants with a MHI less than \$27,461 and population is less than 5,000.

Grants are available for community based non-profit corporations or to public bodies that are not able to acquire credit elsewhere. The funds can be used to make facility improvements, purchase equipment such as toys, desks, cots, playground equipment etc., or for fixtures such as furnaces or roofs. **The funds cannot be used for normal operating and maintenance expenses.**

These funds are available first come first serve. If you would like more information regarding how to apply for these funds, eligibility for the funds, or general questions, please call our office at the number listed below.



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