



# First Children's Finance

## Project Growth: Dream Up! Child Care Supply-Building Program

### Application Questions Preview\*

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Below are the questions from the Dream Up! Grant Program application to assist your team in preparing to apply. Please see the [DCF website](#) for additional information about the application process. While these questions are believed to be final, we reserve the right to edit them before the official application release on February 20, 2023.

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1. Describe your community demographics include the risk factors your community is experiencing due to the lack of child care and including a definition of what geographic area(s) will be included. All zip codes in your community should be listed.
2. Why does your community need to address child care?
3. How is the local economy impacting child care, and how is child care impacting the local economy?
4. In what ways is your community pursuing equity for all children and families? What experience do you have looking at data and setting goals to pursue equity?
5. What steps has your community already taken to address the child care challenge/s you described above?
6. Is your community hoping to use these funds to open one or more new child care facilities? If so, what plans do you have in place for that work?
7. Describe how your community has worked together in the past to solve other community challenges. Examples can be general, and do not need to be directly related to child care.
8. How has the COVID-19 pandemic affected child care in your community?
9. How will the receipt of the Dream Up! Supply Planning Process and Funding support the supply and sustainability of child care in your community?
10. What resources (financial, in-kind, etc.) does your community have available to implement potential child care solutions?

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## Main Contact and Core Team Questions Preview\*

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The Strategic Supply Plan process supports local leaders to develop and implement child care solutions. The local Core Team will be highly engaged in the entire process, therefore, should represent diverse perspectives. Core Team members should be leaders committed to **actively** participating in the community engagement process. Applicants are encouraged to create Core Teams with cross representation of the community, it is recommended that there is representation from at least 5 different community groups or agencies on your Core Team.

Core Teams should have 1 primary contact (Core Team Lead), 10-15 Core Team Members and up to 3 alternate members if initial members are unable to fulfil their duties.

1. Describe how members of the Core Team are currently involved in the community.
2. How will the Core Team engage a variety of community members to participate in the planning process and community events to develop child care solutions?
3. Describe strategies the Core Team will use to recruit participants in the overall solution implementation.
4. Have you reviewed the Core Team commitments with each proposed member to ensure their full engagement over the next 18 months?

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