



Dream Up! Child Care Supply-Building Grant Program Activities to be Completed in 12-18 Months

Application	<p>Community Core Teams Form</p> <p>Applications are submitted by a core team, not individual business/organizations. Each core team may include representatives from (but not limited to):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • City or county government (administrators or elected officials) • Economic development programs • Chambers of commerce or business/employer groups • Representatives of local employers • Child care licensing or child care subsidy • Local philanthropy and non-profits • Community leaders and influencers • Child care business owners • Parents/caregivers • Public and private school district leaders • Faith-based organizations • Social Group leaders • Representatives of diverse community groups • Additional early childhood partners (e.g. Head Start, Birth to 3, home visiting, family resource centers)
Development of Plans	<p>Core Teams Develop Strategic Supply-Building Plan</p> <p>With consultation from First Children’s Finance, selected core teams collaborate to create a strategic supply-building plan which involves:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Supply/demand/gap analyses • Market and financial feasibility studies • Sustainable businesses models • Access to local resources and partnerships to create and maintain child care supply <p>Child Care Programs Participate in a Business Leadership Cohort</p> <p>Certified or licensed child care providers in the community participate in a Business Leadership Cohort—one for family child care providers and one for centers. If one community does not have 10-12 providers in one or both cohorts, they may combine cohorts to work with providers from another community that also receives a Dream Up! grant.</p>
Implementation	<p>Communities Implement Plan</p> <p>Communities work together to implement the strategic plan and:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Receive a community implementation grant stipend (\$75,000) to kick start their plan. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Note: this stipend may not be used on capital expenditures such as construction or vehicle purchases, so core teams may need to identify additional funds to cover these costs. • Receive technical assistance around implementation and procuring additional funds to complete implementation. • Participate in facilitated community of practice webinars where Dream Up! communities from across the state have the opportunity to learn together and from each other <p>Child Care Programs submit Business Improvement Plans</p> <p>Upon completion of their plans, the Business Leadership Cohort members will receive a \$5,000 stipend to implement their plan.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Note: this stipend may not be used on capital expenditures such as construction or vehicle purchases.

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