# Dream Up! Child Care Supply-Building Grant Program

## Activities to be Completed in 12-18 Months

| Application | Core Teams Form | Applications are submitted by a core team, not individual business/organizations. Each core team may include representatives from (but not limited to):
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|             |                 | • 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 | Core Teams Develop Strategic Supply-Building Plan | With consultation from First Children’s Finance, selected core teams collaborate to create a strategic supply-building plan which involves:
|             |                 | • 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
| Child Care Programs Participate in a Business Leadership Cohort |                 | 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.
| Implementation | Communities Implement Plan | Communities work together to implement the strategic plan and:
|                |                 | • Receive a community implementation grant stipend ($75,000) to kick start their plan.
|                |                 |   • 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
| Child Care Programs submit Business Improvement Plans |                 | Upon completion of their plans, the Business Leadership Cohort members will receive a $5,000 stipend to implement their plan.
|                |                 | • Note: this stipend may not be used on capital expenditures such as construction or vehicle purchases. |
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