

CITY OF PHILADELPHIA:

CHILD CARE FACILITIES FUND

Overview

The City of Philadelphia: Child Care Facilities Fund (CCFF or the Fund) is operated by Public Health Management Corporation (PHMC) on behalf of the Office of Children and Families (OCF). This initiative provides grant funds for facility renovations and technical assistance to high-quality child care providers in Philadelphia seeking to improve the quality of their programs and facilities, improve their organizational business practices, and maintain licensure or certification status as defined by the PA State Code and the Philadelphia City Code.

Organizational Eligibility

- Currently licensed STAR 3 or STAR 4 operator in Philadelphia
- Long-term commitment to providing high-quality child care services

STAR 2 Eligibility

- Proof that the site is currently receiving technical assistance (TA) through a quality initiative such as the Early Learning Resource Center or EQUIP with documented goals to move to a STAR 2 in 12 months or less
- At least 65% of enrolled children receive a subsidy through Child Care Works (CCW), PreK Counts, Head Start, Early Head Start, PHLpreK, or Free Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP) status.

Facility Eligibility

- Minor to mid-level facility renovation project
- Not a recipient of City of Philadelphia: Child Care Facility Fund in FY25
- Less than two-time recipient of CCFF funding at location
- Provider-owned property or lease in place expiring no less than 3 years from application date
- Project budget falls within the grant funding limits or proof of cash on hand for projects above grant max
- Facility must be free from city, state, and federal tax liens and be current with mortgage or lease payments

Priority Considerations for Selection

- First-time City of Philadelphia: Child Care Facilities Fund recipients
- STAR 4 provider
- Currently contracted and prequalified PHLpreK facilities

- Facilities with childcare licenses at risk due to facility deficiencies
- Facilities serving 50% or more children who receive subsidy (Child Care Works, PreK Counts, Head Start, Early Head Start, Free Child and Adult Care Food Program)
- Facility projects that will help the provider meet and sustain best practices in health and safety protocol
- Located in high need zip codes as defined by OCF to have a shortage of high-quality services and high poverty populations. Those zip codes are:
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