

CHILD CARE FACILITY FUND



City of
Philadelphia

Grant Overview

Overview

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

Organizational Eligibility

To be eligible, the provider must meet the following organizational requirements:

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

STAR 2 Eligibility

Sites seeking STAR 2 eligibility must document both quality improvement support and participant eligibility:

- Provide proof the site is currently receiving technical assistance (TA) through a quality initiative (e.g., 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

Projects must align with facility and funding requirements for CCFF support:

- Minor to mid-level facility renovation project
- Not a recipient of City of Philadelphia: Child Care Facility Fund in FY26
- Less than two-time recipient of CCFF funding at location
- Provider-owned property or a lease in place expiring no less than 3 years from application date
- Project budget falls within the grant funding limits or provide proof of cash on hand for projects above the grant maximum
- Facility must be free from city, state, and federal tax liens and be current with mortgage or lease payments

Priority Consideration 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:

Zip Code		
19103	19114	19115
19118	19119	19124
19127	19128	19129
19130	19134	19136
19137	19142	19145
19150	19153	