

## Grants for Providing Technical Assistance in the Renovation or Construction of Child Care Facilities

The focus of the technical assistance is on the renovation or construction of child care facilities and on assisting child care providers in securing private sources for capital financing of child care facilities. It is expected that these grants will lead to an increase in the availability and quality of child care facilities by:

- Establishing new quality child care facilities in low income areas that have been previously underserved and/or have unmet needs;
- Improving existing facilities to meet State and local health, safety, and licensing standards;
- Building the capacity of child care providers to create new funding partnerships, leverage private funds and resources, and increase the supply of child care in rural and low-income communities; and
- Increasing the availability of services for infants and toddlers and children with special needs.

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Grantee	Project Description
<p><b>Bristol Bay Native Association (BBNA)</b> P.O. Box 310 Dillingham, AK, 99576</p> <p><b><u>Principal Contact</u></b> Brenda Akelkok Phone: (907) 842-5257 E-mail: <a href="mailto:brendaa@bbna.com">brendaa@bbna.com</a></p>	<p>The Bristol Bay Native Association proposes to provide hands-on technical assistance to eight Bristol Bay communities and broader audiences by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Providing training in planning, design, fundraising, business plan development, land acquisition for site control, and environmental review necessary to develop wrap-around center-based child care/family resource center facilities;</li> <li>• Working with CCDF subsidized family child care providers on becoming loan-ready for renovations or improvements of their privately owned, licensed child care business and connecting them with cooperating their collaborative intermediary organizations; and</li> <li>• Implementing a “Replication Plan” which will include (1) publication of a technical assistance resource guide emphasizing how Native American service organizations can obtain subsidized and commercial financing, build personal assets, and secure grants; and (2) present at Regional and National Head Start and Child Care-sponsored meetings and Department of Labor Workforce Investment Act meetings on these topics.</li> </ul>

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<p><b>Community Economic Development Assistance Corporation</b>  18 Tremont Street, Suite 1020  Boston, MA, 02108</p> <p><b><u>Principal Contacts</u></b>  Karen Kelley  Phone: 617-727-5944  E-mail: <a href="mailto:kkelley@cedac.org">kkelley@cedac.org</a></p> <p>Viki Bok  Phone: 617-727-5944  E-mail: <a href="mailto:ybok@cedac.org">ybok@cedac.org</a></p>	<p>This project proposes to create or improve 1800 child care slots within three years by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Training 25 center-based providers in an intensive 1-week class on facilities and business planning topics, followed by 10 months of individualized TA to help trainees complete a successful facilities project.</li> <li>• Training 100 family-based providers throughout the State on facilities and general management topics.</li> <li>• Creating a number of stand-alone training products to reach a larger number of providers interested in the facilities issues.</li> </ul> <p>It is expected that this training will increase the management capacity of participating providers, develop new collaborative networks around child care facilities issues, and establish a high-quality training program that will long outlive this 17-month grant period.</p>
<p><b>Community Loan Fund of New Jersey, Inc.</b>  16-18 West Lafayette Street  Trenton, NJ 08608</p> <p><b><u>Principal Contact</u></b>  Amanda Blagman  Phone: 609-989-7766  E-mail: <a href="mailto:ablagman@njclf.com">ablagman@njclf.com</a></p>	<p>This project proposes to train providers in 30 child care centers who have never had facility development training, and provide follow-up training to an additional 79 centers that have had prior training. This training will potentially benefit over 6,000 children from low-income families by assisting providers to access a range of private and public financing sources for capital and business expansions and improvements.</p> <p>Goals of the project include: (1) new construction and major renovation of 15 or more centers; (2) capacity expansions to serve as many as 1,000 additional children from low income families; and (3) program expansions to address unmet needs for infants, toddlers, and children with special needs. Through the involvement of child care directors, staff, and board members in networks, advisory groups, community steering groups, and policy forums, collaboration will be stressed.</p>

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<p><b>Development Corporation for Children (DCC)</b>  212 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue, Suite 310  Minneapolis, MN 55401</p> <p><b><u>Principal Contact</u></b>  Jerry Cutts  Phone: 612-279-6509  E-mail: <a href="mailto:jerry@dcc-corner.com">jerry@dcc-corner.com</a></p>	<p>The Development Corporation for Children proposes to increase the quality of child care in Minnesota by strengthening the business and financial management skills of administrators of early child care and early childhood education programs, and by increasing the availability of child care services to low and moderate income communities.</p> <p>Through a “Train the Trainer” model, DCC plans to provide business training and technical assistance to the administrators and boards of directors of 140 child care centers in five of the State’s eight geographic regions. DCC will make mini-grants of \$5,000 available to 10 communities in each of the five participating State regions (two per region). These grants will cover the initial costs of planning new child care facilities for those centers interested in developing new facilities to serve low-income families in their communities. DCC also plans to provide direct technical assistance to 10 child care facility development projects (two per region).</p>
<p><b>Easter Seals</b>  230 West Monroe St., Ste. 1800  Chicago, IL 90606</p> <p><b><u>Principal Contact</u></b>  Bob Siegel  Phone: 312-551-7139  E-mail: <a href="mailto:bsiegel@ester-seals.org">bsiegel@ester-seals.org</a></p>	<p>Easter Seals proposes to provide extensive technical assistance to child care providers in seven geographic areas: South Central Los Angeles, Marin, Sonoma and Lake Counties, and San Luis Obispo County in California; Jacksonville and Daytona Beach in Florida; Metropolitan Chicago in Illinois, and Wards 1, 7, and 8 in Washington, DC. Assistance will focus on the development of viable business models and quality facility design. Project participants will have extensive support in accessing capital funding for building and renovation projects.</p> <p>Easter Seals brings to this project extensive experience and expertise in serving children with disabilities. Given that an estimated 30% of low-income children have disabilities and/or significant health issues, this project will focus technical assistance on developing facilities for serving children with special physical and health care needs in inclusive settings.</p>

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<p><b>Eastern Kentucky Child Care</b>  P.O. Box 267  Berea, KY 40403</p> <p><b><u>Principal Contact</u></b>  Beth Myers  Phone: 859-986-5896 Ext. 107  E-mail: <a href="mailto:bthmyrs@aol.com">bthmyrs@aol.com</a></p>	<p>Through the development of a Capacity Building Network of child care experts, construction supervisors, credit unions, community development organizations, and economic development organizations, this project will develop the business and financial skills and internal resources of both providers and network members. This project will target Family Child Care providers and Child Care Centers in the 31 counties of economically depressed Southeastern Kentucky.</p> <p>Recipients of the technical assistance will develop skills in safety issues including safe plants, appropriate surfacing materials, safe entrances and exits, and identifying and replacing unsafe materials such as torn carpets and worn equipment. Training will include ADA requirements, and assessing child care space requirements of the Department for Licensed Child Care, the Fire Marshall, and the Health Department. Trainees will develop skills in doing cost estimates for building and renovation, leveraging community resources and funding, figuring cash flow and developing business plans, and creating supportive partnerships.</p>
<p><b>Illinois Facilities Fund (IFF)</b>  300 West Adams, Ste. 431  Chicago, IL 60606</p> <p><b><u>Principal Contacts</u></b>  Linda Roman  Phone: 312-596-5123  E-mail: <a href="mailto:lroman@iffund.org">lroman@iffund.org</a></p> <p>Joe Neri  Phone: 312-596-5104  E-mail: <a href="mailto:jneri@iffund.org">jneri@iffund.org</a></p>	<p>The Illinois Facilities Fund proposes to provide technical assistance to more than 160 nonprofit child care agencies in Illinois that will result in increasing the availability of child care for children from families with incomes below 85% of the State median income.</p> <p>Approximately 150 providers in five regions of the State will participate in workshops on facility planning and financing, assembling development teams, learning about fundraising options and improving management abilities. Through a Facilities Assessment and Expansion initiative providers serving over 500 children will work with IFF trainers to assess and make decisions about expansion, improvement, or development of their child care facilities. Under a New Facility Development Initiative the IFF will work with providers, government agencies, funders and others to plan three large child care facilities in three cities to serve an estimated 540 children.</p>

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<p><b>Local Initiatives Support Corporation (LISC)</b> 733 Third Street, 8<sup>th</sup> Floor New York, NY 10017</p> <p><b><u>Principal Contacts</u></b> Susie Sinclair-Smith 202-785-2908 Ext. 271 E-mail: <a href="mailto:susie@liscnet.org">susie@liscnet.org</a></p> <p>Amy Gillman, 212-455-9840 E-mail: <a href="mailto:agillman@liscnet.org">agillman@liscnet.org</a></p>	<p>The proposed project will provide training and individualized consulting services to providers serving low-income communities to enable them to make use of capital resources available from the Connecticut Children's Investment Partnership (CIP) and the Rhode Island Child Care Facilities Fund (RI-CCFF).</p> <p>Goals are to: (1) familiarize providers with the impact facilities have on program quality; (2) demonstrate the need to expand supply and ensure parental choice; (3) assist providers in assessing feasibility of specific facility construction projects; and (4) help providers prepare capital plans.</p> <p>LISC has secured an additional pool of low-cost loan capital from State and local foundations, banks, corporations and public sector partners to finance the actual physical development of new quality facilities in Rhode Island and Connecticut over a five-year period.</p>
<p><b>Washington Area Community Investment Fund</b> 6214 Landover Road Cheverly, Maryland 20785</p> <p><b><u>Principal Contact</u></b> Donna Grigsby 301-322-5632 E-mail: <a href="mailto:clarknet@bellatlantic.net">clarknet@bellatlantic.net</a></p>	<p>This collaborative partnership will implement the facility expansion recommendations from the University of the District of Columbia Market Rate and Capacity Utilization Study. The target populations are Wards 1, 7, and 8 -- the lowest income areas in the District, with 48% of the population but only 22% of the child care centers and slots.</p> <p>Goals are to (1) increase the number of providers that are "loan ready" and able to obtain financing from commercial lenders and private foundations for facility expansion; (2) increase the business development capacity of 15 center-based providers in the target area; and (3) increase the availability of financial management and business development resource materials for center-based child care facility expansion.</p>

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<p><b>Women's Community Revitalization Project (WCRP)</b>  407-11 Fairmount Avenue  Philadelphia, PA 19123</p> <p><b><u>Principal Contact</u></b>  Bill Thomas  Phone: 215-627-5550 Ext. 217  E-mail: <a href="mailto:bthomas@wcrpphila.com">bthomas@wcrpphila.com</a></p>	<p>This project proposes to provide boards and management staff of 15 agencies with training to carry out facility development projects. Eight agencies will receive technical assistance specific to carrying out feasibility studies to determine the need for services in their communities, meet zoning requirements, and obtain funding for renovations to comply with building codes.</p> <p>Four agencies already planning or involved with a child care facility development project will receive technical assistance in developing five-year budget projects necessary for long-term loans, carrying out an environmental assessment, and selecting architects and contractors. Training will also include forming collaborative relationships with organizations such as Head Start for the provision of full-day, full-year care.</p> <p>The WCRP has also secured an additional \$225,000 from the First Union Regional Foundation to establish a recoverable grant fund for participating trainee agencies to use for construction or renovation of group and family child care space.</p>