



Meade County Economic Development CHILDCARE/DAYCARE FACILITIES GRANT PROGRAM GUIDELINES

Purpose and Mission

The purpose of this program is to improve the quality and quantity of childcare and/or daycare facilities in Meade County. To accomplish this goal, **Meade County Economic Development Committee, Inc (MCEDC)**, has created the Childcare/Daycare Facilities Grant. Both existing daycares and new daycares are eligible for grant awards.

Program Eligibility and Requirements

Requirements Pertaining to All Applicants

- Childcare facility/daycare must be located within Meade County, Kansas
- Must be a KDHE licensed childcare/daycare facility
- Applicants must adequately describe how the funds will be used to improve the quality/safety of their childcare/daycare facility
- Any grant awards must be spent in compliance with the terms of these guidelines
- Each application will be considered solely on its merits, without regard to age (provided the applicant is of age as prescribed by law) color, creed, marital status, national origin, political party affiliation, race or sex of applicant(s)

Specific Requirements for Existing Childcare/Daycare/Pre-school Facilities

- Eligible applicants may receive up to **\$1,000.00** in grants

Specific Requirements for New Childcare/Daycare/Pre-school Facilities

- Eligible applicants may receive up to **\$5,000.00** in grants

Eligible/Ineligible Expenditures

Eligible expenditures include: painting, window repair, signage, awnings, masonry work, and entranceways, interior projects designed to improve safety and/or ADA compliance, and necessary equipment, including, but not limited to, playground equipment and educational materials. Ineligible expenditures include: parking lots and parking structures, building maintenance, appliances, inventory, sidewalks and landscaping, unless such repairs are necessary to improve safety and/or to meet ADA compliance. These lists are not meant to be exhaustive. All items not covered in these guidelines shall be reviewed as to their qualifications on an individual basis.

Application Process

1. Applicant submits all necessary paperwork to MCEDC.
2. The application shall be presented to the MCEDC Board of Directors at the next practicable meeting. The Board shall review the applications individually and judge them on a competitive basis. The Board may request additional information if it considers the application is insufficient.

3. If approved, MCEDC shall notify applicant promptly. Applicant shall schedule a time to sign appropriate documents.
4. Applicant shall provide necessary proof of their expenditures of at least 50% of the grant award before MCEDC will issue any payment.

Note

The worthiness of the applicant as determined by the Meade County Economic Development Committee, Inc. Board of Directors will determine the approval or denial of an applications. The Board reserves the right to waive any of the above requirements should any of the above requirements become a deterrent to economic development or the worthiness of a project. Any information contained in this document, including program terms, conditions and availability is subject to change without notice.