Eligibility

An entity who will directly provide high quality childcare in Idaho and meets all of the criteria in this section.

- The entity must be authorized to conduct business in Idaho and in good standing with the Idaho Secretary of State along with any other applicable state or local government organizations.
- An entity may be any of the following:
  - For profit providers
  - Nonprofit/not for profit providers
  - Employers (inclusive of public and private)
- The entity must be partnering with employers to add or expand child-care capacity. Examples of employer partnership may include:
  - Monetary contributions or donations/support of in-kind services necessary for the operation of the program
  - Guarantee to sponsor slots on behalf of employers' employees.
  - Co-op/collaborative/coordinated enrollment model across multiple centers in one "system" to provide access to employees of the partners
- Must comply with local and state licensing requirements
- Provide at least 50% cash and/or in-kind match
- Show evidence through a business plan that operations will be sustainable beyond the one-time investment of these grant monies
- Provide care to children up to age XX

Exclusions

- **Funds shall not support private school tuition or home schooling.**

Fund Availability

The Workforce Development Council has $15 million dollars under the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) to expand high quality child-care in Idaho. $4 million dollars is set aside until March 1, 2023 for small providers serving 15 or fewer children. All funds must be obligated by June 30, 2023 and spent by October 31, 2024.

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- Maximum of $15,000 per child served is available to applicants to support the addition of new seats
- Match is required as follows:

Number of Children Served	Percent Match Required
12 or Fewer	**50%**
16-25	**75%**
26 or More	**100%**

Applications

Applicants must provide at a minimum:

- A business plan showing that the entity will meet all state and/or local licensing (including background checks), insurance, facility, programming, and sustainability beyond the one-time grant funding period
- Description of partnership with employer(s)

- Detailed budget, budget narrative, and cashflow analysis for at least three years
- Preference will be given to entities that focus on evidence-based programming and services and have parent engagement activities. This includes the provision of training and ongoing professional development of staff.

Reimbursable Expenditures

- Acquisition and/or renovation of buildings (any project that exceeds $1M in capital expenditures requires additional written justification under the ARPA program)
- Equipment
- Supplies
- Learning materials
- Staffing
- Other reasonable operating costs aligned to the business plan

Contractual Terms

- Grant term is one year
- Grantees are required to submit quarterly reports during performance period, as delineated in the grant contract, and provide an update on facility operations two years after contract end date.
- Funds are made on a reimbursement basis for verified expenses only
- The entity must stay in business for at least one year after the end of the grant period, or the Council may seek repayment of grant funds
- Additional federal pass-through requirements including, but not limited to:
    - Active registration in the System for Award Management (https://www.sam.gov),
    - Compliance with Uniform Guidance including 2 CFR Part 200, Subpart E regarding Cost Principles,
    - Single Audit Act (requires an audit for entities that expend more than $750,000 in Federal awards during a fiscal year), and
    - Civil Rights Compliance – meet legal requirements relating to nondiscrimination and nondiscriminatory use of Federal funds. The requirements include ensuring that entities receiving assistance do not deny benefits or services, or otherwise discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin (including limited English proficiency), disability, age, or sex (including sexual orientation and gender identity).

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Performance Metrics

- The return on investment is measured by the total number of child-care seats available two years after grant-funded entity's contract end date.

Scoring Rubric Criteria/Components

- Employer engagement
    - MOU(s) between employer and provider.
- Need
    - Use the Child Care Gap data to rank projects
    - Additional weight for small providers?
    - Additional weight for providers serving infants?
- Quality – need a definition