



Child Care Services Unit Enhancement Funding Guidelines 2020-21

Child Care Centres

1. Start-up Funding

This funding is available to child care centres in the process of licensing child care programs. Programs in Whitehorse may apply for a maximum of \$10,000 for identified requirements related to health and safety. Programs outside Whitehorse may apply for amounts in excess of \$10,000 to be determined by community needs, particularly if the community does not currently have a licensed child care program. This reflects the extra costs of operating licensed child care programs in rural communities. Items purchased or work completed before the approval of the application will not be eligible; all initial (not final) licensing requirements must be met. A written quote is required for each item/project in the application; and two written quotes are required for any items over \$1,000.

2. Enhancement Funding

Licensed programs may apply for up to a maximum of \$5,000 for regulatory requirements related to health and safety or playground development and maintenance. Programs will not be eligible for enhancement funding if start-up funding has been received during the fiscal year. Items purchased or work completed before the approval of the application will not be eligible for funding. A written quote is required for each item/project in the application; and two written quotes are required for any items over \$1,000.

Enhancement funding may be accessed for equipment for the safe and healthy care of infant and toddlers, replacement of existing broken chairs and/or tables, diapering stations, area rugs for soft play and strollers.

Please discuss your program's individual needs with your child care inspector.

3. Radon Mitigation Funding

Funding is available for the cost of completing radon mitigation for licensed programs.

Programs may apply for up to \$15,000 to assist with the costs of radon remediation. Radon testing and follow up work must be completed by a radon measurement professional.

A review of additional funding needs for larger licensed child care programs will be considered on a case by case basis. A written quote is required for the project.

All funding approvals will be reviewed based on the applicant's:

- Financial and/or in kind contribution.
- Approved playground plan.

4. Emergency Funding

This funding is available to licensed programs based on individual circumstances. Items purchased or work completed before the approval of the application will not be eligible for funding. A written quote is required for each item/project in the application; and two written quotes are required for any items over \$1,000.

Family Day Homes

1. Start-up Funding

Funding is available to family day homes in the process of licensing to ensure that health and safety standards meet Yukon Child Care Regulations. Programs may apply for a maximum of \$1,000 in Whitehorse. Programs outside Whitehorse may apply for amounts in excess of \$1,000 to be determined by community needs particularly if the community does not currently have a licensed child care program. This reflects the extra costs of operating licensed child care programs in smaller, rural communities. Items purchased or work completed before the approval of the application will not be eligible for funding. A written quote is required for each item/project in the application; and two written quotes are required for any items over \$1000.00.

2. Enhancement Funding

Funding is available to a maximum of \$500 for the following reasons

- Replacement of a major appliance (provided that the day home has not received funding for the equipment previously) to a maximum of 50% of the cost of the application or the maximum noted above.
- For health and safety regulatory requirements.
- For outdoor play space development and maintenance.

Items purchased or work completed before the approval of the application will not be eligible for funding. A written quote is required for each item/project in the application; and two written quotes are required for any items over \$1000.00. This funding is not available if start-up funding has been received during the fiscal year.

3. Radon Mitigation Funding

Funding is available for the cost of completing radon mitigation for licensed programs.

Family day homes may apply for up to \$3,000.00 to assist with the costs of radon remediation. Radon testing and follow up work must be completed by a radon measurement professional. A written quote is required for the project.

For the purposes of the Enhancement Funding program, where a child care program or family day home is applying to purchase specialized child care equipment not available in Yukon, out-of-territory purchases may only be considered if items cannot be purchased within Yukon. International purchases will not be supported.

Each licensed child care program is limited to one (1) application for funding from the Enhancement Fund per fiscal year.

If you have any questions please contact the Child Care Services Unit at 667-3492; or toll free from the communities at 1-800-661-0408, extension 3492. Alternatively, you may contact your child care inspector.