CHILDCARE BC NEW SPACES FUND

CREATING LICENSED CHILD CARE SPACES THROUGHOUT BRITISH COLUMBIA

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A NEW DAY FOR FAMILIES
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As part of the Province's $1.3-billion investment in child care, the Childcare BC New Spaces Fund (formerly major capital funding) is investing $221 million to support the creation of up to 22,000 new licensed child care spaces over the next three years. The Childcare BC New Spaces Fund program prioritizes building sustainable child care spaces in the public sector as a foundation for universal child care in B.C.

WHO CAN APPLY?

- Public sector organizations, including local governments, school boards, health authorities and public post-secondary institutions
- Indigenous Governments
- Non-profit societies, including non-profit child care providers, Child Development Centres, and Indigenous non-profit societies
- Businesses and incorporated companies

HOW MUCH FUNDING IS AVAILABLE?

Per project, eligible applicants can receive up to:

- **$3 million for up to 100% of project costs** for public sector organizations and Indigenous Governments.
- **$1.5 million for up to 100% of project costs** for Indigenous non-profit societies.
- **$1.5 million for up to 90% of project costs** for non-profit societies, including non-profit child care providers and Child Development Centres.
- **$250,000 for up to 75% of project costs** for child care providers that are businesses or incorporated companies .

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

- Leverages existing facilities — on school grounds, at recreation centres and other public places — to help make life easier for families.
- Prioritizes communities with the greatest need, Infant/Toddler spaces, spaces that serve vulnerable and underserved populations, and facilities operating outside of core business hours.
- Improves child care affordability by requiring successful applicants to apply for Child Care Operating Funding and enrol in the Child Care Fee Reduction Initiative, where eligible.

HOW TO APPLY

The Childcare BC New Spaces Fund accepts applications continuously, with no fixed deadlines.

To learn more and apply for funding, call 1 888 338-6622 or visit www.gov.bc.ca/childcare/newspacesfund.

LEARN MORE ABOUT CHILDCARE BC

Government is also working to improve child care affordability for families and support early childhood educators. Learn more at www.gov.bc.ca/childcare.