

MADELIA CHILD CARE START-UP / EXPANSION GRANT

Managed by Madelia City Hall

PURPOSE

The City of Madelia provides an incentive grant to start new child care/or expand current child services in the Madelia area. Funding was provided by a First Children's Finance grant to the Madelia community. The program provides a grant for actual expenses relating to the cost of opening or expanding a care business in the Madelia area. The grant will provide funds for start up or expansion for child care slots for up to \$2,500 per provider. Qualifying expenses must be approved by the Watonwan County Child Care Licensor, prior to dispersal of funds. Approved requests will be funded on a first-come/first-served basis until all funds are expended.

ELIGIBILITY

1. Only child care providers located within the Madelia area are eligible for the loan program.
2. All items for which the child care provider is requesting funds must be approved by the Watonwan County Licensor.
3. Funds may be requested for the following items (other items may be included if they support the opening or creation of additional child care slots):
 - Licensing fee
 - Zoning fees
 - Background study fee
 - Pre Licensing training
 - Ongoing training
 - Fire Marshal visit, if needed
 - Smoke Detectors
 - Fire extinguishers
 - Outlet plugs
 - Stationary baby gate
 - First aid kits
 - Utensils/plates/cups
 - Pack n Play
 - Pack n Play sheet
 - Cots
 - High chair/booster seat
 - Fluid Cleanup kit
 - Potty seat/chair
 - Monitor
 - Toys for each age group
 - Craft supplies
 - Strollers
 - Egress window
 - Fire Marshall recommendations
 - Other as approved

PROJECT GUIDELINES

Program oversight and authority for loan approval is delegated to the Watonwan County Licenser and the City of Madelia. :

1. Completed applications will be reviewed on a first come, first served basis until the funds are fully expended.
2. The Madelia Child Care grant application can be accessed once the applicant has turned in the Licensing application to the appropriate licensing agency. Funds will be dispersed once they are fully licensed with receipts up to \$2,500.
3. All applicants will need to fill out the appropriate paperwork prior to the dispersal of funds.