

All In For Kansas Kids



Child Care Capacity Accelerator Letter of Interest

INFORMATIONAL WEBINAR – 2.9.2023





Webinar Agenda

- Introductions
- Funding Background
- Child Care Capacity Accelerator Overview
- Timeline
- Letter of Interest Information
- Next Steps
- Questions?



INTRODUCTIONS

- Children's Cabinet Team
 - Melissa Rooker, Executive Director
 - Lucas Neese, Grant Manager
- Child Care Capacity Accelerator Support Team
 - ccaccelerator@ku.edu

All information available:
www.allinforkansaskids.org/communities

FUNDING BACKGROUND

- SPARK/Recovery Office announced funding to support health and education initiatives, including expansion of child care (\$20 million)
- Kansas Department for Children and Families providing additional CCDF ARPA funding for child care (\$20 million)
 - *NOTE: Construction is NOT ALLOWABLE with DCF funding*
- Blended funding will be available as grants from the Children's Cabinet – known as **Child Care Capacity Accelerator**

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CHILD CARE CAPACITY ACCELERATOR OVERVIEW

- **Purpose:** Support community-based applicants to build or make capital improvements that create additional licensed child care seats that align with health and safety requirements and address systemic challenges to sustaining those child care seats.

➤ **Goals:**

- Accelerate the process to expand the number of affordable, licensed child care seats (i.e., capacity) through last mile and/or catalytic funding for shovel-ready projects with a sound sustainability plan
- Build a thriving and sustainable child care ecosystem

➤ **Outcomes:**

- Increased number of licensed child care facilities
- Increased recruitment and retention of child care providers
- Increased number of licensed child care seats
- Improved community ratio of licensed child

CHILD CARE CAPACITY ACCELERATOR OVERVIEW

➤ TENTATIVE Applicant Requirements*:

- Community partnership(s) with decision-making processes
- Identified Community Champion throughout funding agreement
- Data-driven decision making
- If requesting capital, documented support or commitments (cash or meaningful in-kind support)
- Sustainability Plan
- Active SAM.gov registration (required for all federal funding)

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CHILD CARE CAPACITY ACCELERATOR OVERVIEW

➤ TENTATIVE Lead Applicant Information*:

- Lead applicants may include: City & County Governments, Economic Development Organizations, Community-Based Organizations, Private Entities, Educational Institutions
- Expertise and experience related to overseeing capital grant and community development projects, including reporting obligations
- Receive support from community partnerships and have identified role in decision-making processes

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TIMELINE

➤ LOI Timeline:

- February 3 – Letter of Interest (LOI) instruction posted
- February 20 @ 5pm – LOI Due (via email)

➤ TENTATIVE Application Timeline*:

- March 10 – Application/RFP Posted (via online system)
- May 15 – Applications due
- June 2023 (date TBD) – Awards announced

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LETTER OF INTEREST GUIDELINES

- **Purpose:** Opportunity to introduce your proposed project and to participate in the feedback process that will help to achieve alignment with the current fiscal and programmatic scope of available funding
- **Due:** February 20th @ 5pm
- **Format:** Any format that can be emailed in an attachment to ccaccelerator@ku.edu (brevity is encouraged)
- LOI submission is optional and content will **NOT** impact funding decisions

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LETTER OF INTEREST COMPONENTS

➤ Applicant Information:

- Applicant Organization Name and Address
- Project Lead Contact Name and Title, Email, Phone, and Organization name if different than applicant organization name

➤ Project Information:

- Project Goals and Objectives
- Project Summary
- Estimated Project Budget
- Estimated Project Completion Timeline
- Project Partners noting confirmed or pending
- Project Sustainability Plan Summary

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LETTER OF INTEREST COMPONENTS, CONT.

➤ **Community Coalition Information:**

- Community Coalition Summary/Description
- Connections, partnerships, and/or efforts to connect with Child Care Aware of Kansas (e.g. Communities-in-Action), KDHE Child Care Licensing, and/or other child care capacity supports.

➤ **Confirmations/Attestations:**

- Attest to alignment of proposed community project with the Child Care Capacity Accelerator Purpose, Goals, and Outcomes.

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NEXT STEPS

- Draft and Submit Your LOI by February 20th at 5pm
- Get support – ccaccelerator@ku.edu
- Stay Tuned for RFP/Application Announcement (March 10) and Webinar (TBD)
- Visit www.allinforkansaskids.org/communities
 - All grant information – pending Recovery Office approval
 - FAQ document (coming soon)
 - Webinar recordings
 - Community planning and data resources

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