

# ATTENTION BOSTON CHILD CARE PROVIDERS



Improve your facilities with a grant of up to \$10,000!

Announcing Mayor Menino's **Capital Resources for Early Educators Fund** — a competitive grant fund intended to help early care and education programs invest in safe, healthy environments for young children in Boston.

**APPLICATIONS ARE DUE BY**  
October 24, 2013 at 4pm

**FOR THE APPLICATION:**  
[www.CyberGrants.com/BostonEarlyEd](http://www.CyberGrants.com/BostonEarlyEd)

**IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS:**  
617-624-8203  
[CapitalFund@supportunitedway.org](mailto:CapitalFund@supportunitedway.org)

## HOW DOES IT WORK?

Licensed child care providers, family child care systems and center based programs can apply for a grant from the Fund. You must meet eligibility criteria. The grant money must be used for specific items that contribute to the health and well-being of the children in your program.

## WHO CAN APPLY?

Most licensed child care providers located in Boston can apply. You need to be caring for at least one child receiving financial aid or demonstrating financial need.

## HOW MUCH MONEY COULD I GET?

Providers that care for 20 or fewer children under the age of 6 can receive up to \$3,000. Providers that care for 21 or more children can receive up to \$6,000. Those that care for more than 100 children are eligible for up to \$10,000.

## WHAT CAN I USE THE MONEY FOR?

You will need to specify in your application how you plan to use the money. You may use funds to purchase any of the following items or submit a special request:

Health + Nutrition	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Portable sink with running water</li> <li>• Cribs and cots, including bassinets and porta-cribs</li> <li>• Changing tables</li> <li>• Air conditioner</li> <li>• HEPA or ionic air purifier (does not include ozone generators)</li> <li>• HEPA vacuum</li> <li>• Bottle sanitizer</li> </ul>
Play + Storage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Playground equipment</li> <li>• Water or sand tables</li> <li>• Child-size tables and chairs</li> <li>• Bookshelves or storage containers</li> </ul>
Safety	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Multiple seat stroller</li> <li>• Carbon monoxide and smoke detectors</li> <li>• Electrical outlet covers</li> <li>• Window guards</li> <li>• Emergency exit alarms</li> <li>• Safety gates</li> <li>• Ramp for wheelchair or stroller access</li> <li>• Outdoor fencing</li> </ul>
Capital Improvements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Interior surfacing, including floors, area carpets, mats</li> <li>• Exterior surfacing, including turf, paving, mats</li> </ul>

## IS THIS A LOAN OR A GRANT?

The money is a grant, which means you do not have to pay it back. You will have to tell us how you intend to use the money. We will conduct a random audit, to ensure the funds are used as agreed.

## WHEN DO I APPLY?

Apply between September 26 and October 24, 2013.

## WHAT IF I HAVE MORE QUESTIONS?

If you have further questions or want to attend an **Information Session**, please call **617-624-8203**, email [CapitalFund@supportunitedway.org](mailto:CapitalFund@supportunitedway.org), or visit [www.CyberGrants.com/BostonEarlyEd](http://www.CyberGrants.com/BostonEarlyEd)



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