

Frequently Asked Questions

REGARDING THINK SMALL EMERGENCY GRANTS



I live outside the 7-county metro area, can I apply?

Currently the funds Think Small is distributing are only for providers in the 7-county metro area.

When will I be notified if I am receiving a grant?

Notifications will be sent to those receiving grants on a daily basis, as funds are available. If you have not heard from us please be patient as we continue to fundraise for this effort.

I applied at the same time as my neighbor/friend and they got an award. Why didn't I?

We received over 2,000 applications and have paid out 300 - \$1,000 grants.

Why are centers not able to apply?

At this time, we are offering this support to licensed family child care programs in the 7-county metro area.

Is this grant part of Parent Aware?

No. This grant process is outside of the Child Care Aware Regional and Parent Aware Grant process.

Due to the Shelter in Place order by the governor, if a family child care program has to shut down, would they be expected to give the \$1000 grant back?

No. There would not be an expectation to pay back the grant as a result of the Shelter in Place order issued on 3.25.2020.

What if I don't get a grant? I really need the money and am afraid I will have to close down.

Please apply for a State of MN Peacetime Emergency Grant. We understand the pressures of running a quality-program is strenuous under normal circumstances and probably feels overwhelming in our current crisis. Please take solace in the fact that everyone from the Governor to the families and children you are caring for recognize the vital service you are providing to them and our community. It is through folks like you, that we will be able to overcome this crisis and be stronger as a community on the other side.

Where do I get information about state-funded grants available?

Please apply for a **State of MN Peacetime Emergency Grant**. You can get answers about the State of MN Peacetime Emergency grants from Child Care Aware of MN. They can be reached at **651-290-9704** or by email at EmergencyGrants@childcareawaremn.org. *The deadline to apply is May 12, 2020.*

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