



## **Child Care Provider Grants**

Swift County has invested in increasing and ensuring the day care providers in this county have the resources that they need to meet licensure requirements and the resources to improve the daycare's curriculum, safety and equipment since 2017. The grant funds available will be on a first come first serve basis.

### **Grant Amounts:**

There is no limit to the number of times you can request grant money, but there is a limit per year on what you can request. Please remember these funds can run out at any time and are awarded on a first come first serve basis.

Family Day Care Providers can request up to \$2500/year

Day Care Centers can request up to \$10,000/year

### **Grant Due Dates:**

On October 1<sup>st</sup>, SCHS will notify you that if you have already not submitted for your full allotment that year, the grant request must be submitted by November 15<sup>th</sup>. The next business day after the 15<sup>th</sup>, all providers will be notified if there are any remaining grant funds. All providers eligible to access the remaining funds regardless of previous awards. This supplemental allotment will be on a first come first serve until funds are depleted for the year. There are no limits on the amount requested, just a limit on the available funds.

### **Eligible Purchases:**

- Home/facility modifications or upgrades required to meet licensure requirements
- Educational curriculum and equipment
- Safety improvements (ie. Fence around play area)
- Needs to expand the number of children served (does not include operating expenses)

### **Grantee Qualifications:**

Applicants must be currently licensed as a daycare provider/daycare center/family foster care or in the licensing process.

### **Paperwork for the grant:**

- Complete the application
- Provide a written estimate from vendor/contractor or evidence of cost of purchase (ie. Provide a link to the product for purchase, provide an ad with the product identified or a picture of the product including the price)

If you have questions in completing your application or more questions about how the program works, please call Becky Brown at 320-843-2428.

# **Internal Use Only Emergency Fund**

The Swift County Daycare committee will reserve up to \$5000 to be used for Licensing Emergencies. The licensor will initially identify the issue that constitutes the emergency for the daycare provider and will bring the licensing issue and funding to the daycare grant committee for review. A recommendation will come from the committee for amount and coverage and will be brought to the board for approval. This money will be available until November 15<sup>th</sup>. At this time the remainder of these emergency funds will be added to the remaining dollars in the day care fund for all providers to have a chance at any remaining amount for the budgeted year.