



Childcare Grant Funding
Request Application

Childcare Center Name: The Children's Place
Childcare Center Address: 1336 Arroyo St. San Carlos CA
Funding Amount Requested: 90,074.81 94070
Number of Anticipated New
Childcare Spaces Created: 3 (confirmed with CCL)
Contact Person & Title: Michelle Myhre
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Childcare Website
(if applicable): TCPPreschool.org

Type of Childcare:

- ☐ For-profit or commercial
☒ Nonprofit
☐ Faith-based Organization
☐ Family childcare homes

Application Priorities- Check all the apply:

- ☐ Serves infant children group (birth-2 years old)
☒ Accepts vouchers
☒ Serves children with special needs
can accommodate para

Application Checklist:

- ☒ Copy of State of California License; or schedule for licensing, as applicable
- ☒ Copy of City of San Carlos business registration unless exempt
- ☒ Proper documentation for reimbursement
- ☒ Copy of financial statements
- ☒ Copy of property deed or lease, as applicable
- ☒ Proof of nonprofit status, as applicable

Applicant must acknowledge the following requirements:

- ☒ Applicant has reviewed and understands the terms in the "Agreement for Receipt of Grant Funds" attached
- ☒ The City will request five years of reporting from the receipt of the final grant payment to ensure the increased childcare spaces are maintained. Reporting may include, but not be limited to the following:
 - o Proof of current insurance and license, as applicable
 - o Number of total childcare spaces
 - o Submittal of annual financial statement
- ☒ The City retains sole discretion to evaluate and make grants available and is under no obligation until an agreement is executed.

****Please use additional pages to respond to the following request:***

Provide a detailed description of the capital improvement activities to be funded. Include how the capital improvement project will help meet the adopted purpose, goals, policies and provisions of the City's Childcare Development Impact Fee Ordinance (Ord. 1585) and 2024 San Carlos Strategic Plan Goals and Objectives to encourage and support the creation and expansion of quality childcare spaces available to residents and employees in San Carlos. Include detail project plan with project schedules, site plans (as applicable), and itemized cost estimate.

Signature:  Date: 13 May 25

**Applicant Information:**

The Children's Place
1336 Arroyo Ave.
Building B
San Carlos, CA 94070

Contact Information:

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Application for Grant Funds for Expansion

Provide a detailed description of the capital improvement activities to be funded. Include how the capital improvement project will help meet the adopted purpose, goals, policies and provisions of the [City's Childcare Development Impact Fee Ordinance \(Ord. 1585\)](#) and [2024 San Carlos Strategic Plan Goals and Objectives](#) to encourage and support the creation and expansion of quality childcare spaces available to residents and employees in San Carlos. Include detail project plan with project schedules, site plans (as applicable), and itemized cost estimate.

1. Executive Summary:

On behalf of the Children's Place and the San Carlos Community families we proudly serve, we are pleased to submit this capital improvement project request to support significant expansion of childcare capacity and resources for low-income families in the City of San Carlos.

For four decades, The Children's Place has been the sole provider of affordable, accessible and early childhood-focused child care programs, specifically serving working families and employees in the City of San Carlos. We are seeking reimbursement of our expansion project completed in October 2024, as well as funds to replace our aging furnace with electric heat pumps.

2. About The Children's Place:

Founded in 1981, The Children's Place was established to offer a loving and engaging environment where children can learn through play—a concept that was innovative at the time, especially given the limited resources available for local dual-income families.

Today, The Children's Place continues to fulfill a crucial role in our community as the sole provider of affordable, high-quality, play-based early childhood education for low-income, working families in San Carlos. Prior to the remodel completed in October, the facility was equipped to serve 36 children; we were approved to increase our capacity to 39 in October 2024.

The Children's Place Board of Directors continues to prioritize provision of quality and affordable care to local San Carlos families who need us most. In recent years, we have been able to improve staff salaries, ensuring competitive compensation and benefits. This has helped us maintain better child/staff ratios, reduce turnover, enhance caregiver professionalism and engagement, and create a thriving, positive environment for students, families, and staff.

We invite you to learn more about The Children's Place at www.tcppreschool.org.

3. Project Summary

The Children's Place completed an extensive remodel resulting in the approval for 2-3 additional child care spots. The remodel created more functional spaces, ensured our spaces met safety standards of today, created a cohesive and welcoming environment throughout the preschool as well as maximized our square footage to increase our capacity.

Our remodel included:

- Replacing all cabinets in classrooms, maximizing hanging cabinet space
- Purchased functional storage and shelving as well as new carpets to fit newly designed space
- Install cabinets and countertop in staff room to allow for a food prep area
- Convert all doors to farm doors to allow for the removal of dangerous baby gates
- Added fans and lights to porch area to allow use of space during short winter days
- Removed stumps and built out a deck with running water to allow for a dedicated space for picnic tables for all school lunch and creation of an outdoor classroom
- Upgraded electrical to meet fire code requirements

- Installed lighted exit signs
- Serviced and certified the local fire alarm
- Replaced paper on all bulletin boards with fire resistant paper
- Washer and dryer
- Installed motion lighting on back of building to ensure safety of preschool students and families
- Replaced aging light fixtures and removed drop ceiling in classrooms and bath
- Replaced classroom furnishings to allow for adequate space and supplies for increase in capacity.
- Air Conditioning for Preschool
 - There are numerous students that support rising temperatures that are detrimental to staff, teachers and our students. The last few years we have been acutely aware of the high temperatures, we have seen extreme temperatures, which have reached well into the high 90's this past summer, and can severely impact young children's learning, sleep, and mental health. A climate-controlled environment is crucial for their development and overall well-being.
 - A recent study highlights the significant impact of heat waves on both children and educators in preschools:
 - Children's Well-being:
 - Symptoms: Children exhibited lethargy, fatigue, and were less able to participate in activities. Many showed changes in sleeping patterns, with less quality but more quantity of sleep. Issues with eating, hydration, and comfort were observed, especially among the youngest children.
 - Behavioral Effects: Increased conflicts, crying, and a heightened need for comfort and attention were reported. The heat contributed to these challenges, with some children showing severe reactions while others were less affected.
 - Educators' Well-being:
 - Physical and Mental Health: Educators experienced fatigue, headaches, dizziness, and general exhaustion. The heat led to physical discomfort and mental stress, impacting their ability to concentrate, remain patient, and perform their duties effectively.
 - Work Impact: The educators' ability to plan and manage was hindered, increasing their workload and stress. The need for heightened care for children during the heatwave also led to a decline in their own well-being.

- This study illustrates how heat waves exacerbate the challenges faced by preschools, affecting both children's health and educators' ability to perform their duties. A well-regulated environment is crucial for optimal functioning.
- The grant will enable us to provide a comfortable, safe learning environment for our students and teachers, year round without placing additional financial burdens on families.

4. Result of improvements

We are thrilled to share that through our efforts, on October 23, 2024 we were approved for a maximum capacity of 39 students. The increase in capacity has allowed us greater flexibility for student enrollment, as well as allowed us the opportunity to enroll 6 additional children when Little Learners sadly closed their doors in December 2024.

5. Attachments - On File with Community Development Department

DSS Report of approved capacity
 Extreme Makeover Proposal presented to TCP Board
 Itemized list of expenses
 Copies of invoices and receipts