

EARLY LEARNING AND CHILD CARE CIRCULAR

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To: All licensed child care centres, nursery schools and family/group child care homes

Subject: 2023/2024 Child Care Sustainability Trust Application

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This circular is to provide information about the 2023/2024 Child Care Sustainability Trust, available to all licensed early learning and child care (ELCC) facilities (including infant, pre-school, nursery and school-age programs) and licensed family and group child care home providers.

Manitoba’s Budget 2020 committed to the establishment of an innovative Child Care Sustainability Trust to ensure the ongoing sustainability of licensed child care services through long-term sector investment. The endowment fund is intended to assist in rebuilding and strengthening child care services through the pandemic and into the future.

The Trust supports annual one-time grant opportunities for ELCC facilities to undertake infrastructure and innovative programming improvements. This includes infrastructure improvements, program enhancements, and professional development that will enhance inclusive and accessible services.

The maximum available per facility for grant funding includes:
 \$5,000 for family/group home
 \$20,000 for child care facilities with 50 space or less
 \$25,000 for child care facilities with 51 spaces or more

The deadline to complete and submit the 2024/24 Child Care Sustainability Trust Application and supporting documentation is **September 30, 2023**.

To learn more about the Early Learning and Child Care Sustainability Trust, obtain an application and review the frequently asked questions visit the ELCC Grant Funding section on the departmental website at:

https://www.manitoba.ca/education/childcare/centres_homeproviders/providers_resources/grants.html#sustainability

Direct links as below:

[2023-2024 Care Sustainability Trust Frequently Asked Questions](#)

[2023-2024 Child Care Sustainability Trust Application](#)

For additional inquiries, email ELCC-ISP@gov.mb.ca with the subject line “Child Care Sustainability Trust”.

Thank you for your ongoing commitment to meeting the needs of Manitoba families and children, and the early learning and child care sector.