



## Frequently Answered Questions (FAQs)

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### 1. Is the Capital Projects Fund the same as the Child Care Capacity Accelerator?

It is a different funding source, but the Capital Projects Fund continues the unique opportunity for potential grantees to use funds for new construction, renovation, or rehabilitation of facilities and other capital improvement for community-driven projects and programs.

### 2. Who is eligible to apply for the Capital Projects Fund Accelerator?

Communities interested in applying for this Request for Proposal (RFP) must find a lead applicant to apply on their behalf. Eligible lead applicants include city & county governments, economic development organizations, community-based organizations, private entities, educational institutions, and tribes and tribal organizations.

### 3. Are Child Care Capacity Accelerator grantees eligible to apply? Can they use the same application?

Child Care Capacity Accelerator grantees are eligible and encouraged to apply. Existing grantees will need to submit a new application on the CommonApp due to the differences in these grant opportunities and information gathered in the application.

### 4. What are the major outcomes of this grant opportunity? Does my project have to work on all of the goal areas or can we just focus on one or two?

Competitive applicants will show how their project will increase child care slots, directly enable work, education, and health monitoring. It is a requirement of the funder that all four of these elements are met. Projects that do not have all of the necessary elements will not be considered.

### 5. What does the RFP mean when it says, enables education?

Above and beyond the child care component within the multi-purpose community center, competitive projects will enable education for the larger community. Some examples of activities that enable education are adult education classes, collaborations with higher education partners and technical colleges, and community-based education courses such as digital literacy for older members of the workforce.

**6. What are some examples of ways our project can support work activities?**

Examples of this activity include workforce trainings for job seekers, community space for adults to work on resumes and fill out job applications, or a common place members of the community can work remotely. Simply employing individuals at the multi-purpose community center does not meet the enabling work requirement for this project.

**7. What kinds of letters are required if I'm interested in applying?**

Competitive applicants will include one letter of support from their Community Champion, one from local partners or community members, and another from financial investors. These letters should include how that partner will contribute to the overall project and support the lead applicant.

**8. What are some examples of acceptable documentation regarding the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and federally mandated nondiscrimination practices?**

Competitive applicants can include evidence of compliance with nondiscrimination practices by supplying program policies, excerpts from family handbooks, and other documentation that evidences compliance at the program level.

**9. What are some examples of enabling health monitoring?**

Examples of eligible activities include dental clinics, health access fairs, well-child visits, sports physicals, and more. Competitive applicants will include elements that increase access to services that promote health and wellbeing, including collaborations with medical and behavioral health entities.

**10. Can grant funds be used for operating expenses?**

This RFP will only fund capital investments and construction incurred during the project period. No operating expenses can be supported by these grant funds.

Personnel costs including salaries and fringe benefits for staff and consultants required for carrying out the project (such as project managers, program directors, subject matter experts, equity consultants, grant administrators, financial analysts, accountants, and attorneys) incurred *after* the grant award start date.

**11. How much will the Capital Projects Fund award per grantee?**

There is no set minimum or maximum award amount. The Kansas Children's Cabinet and Trust Fund aims to make awards in the range of \$500,000 to \$5 Million to create long-term, transformational change for the well-being of the most vulnerable within the community by providing direct access to enable work, education, and health monitoring. Kansas Children's Cabinet aims to issue between \$10-\$12 Million in total funding for those applications received by the Round One deadline, with the remaining amount (approximately \$26-\$28 Million) awarded in Round Two.

## 12. How do I submit my application?

Applications and all required documentation must be submitted online using the [Kansas CommonApp](#) portal. The [Kansas CommonApp](#) portal is a grant submission tool to manage applicant profiles and proposals across a variety of state agency funding opportunities. The Kansas CommonApp includes both question-and-answer fields and the ability to upload all required documents.

## 13. What is the deadline to submit an application?

The Kansas CommonApp will open on Sept. 5, 2023 for RFPs and eligible applicants may either apply by the first-round application deadline of 5 p.m. CT on Oct. 2, 2023 or by the second-round deadline of Dec. 18, 2023 by 5 p.m. CT. The deadline for the first round is set primarily to fast-track applications for grantee projects that have already been approved under the Child Care Capacity Accelerator but is open to any eligible applicant. The Kansas Children's Cabinet and Trust Fund encourages applicants to decide which deadline is appropriate for their project as there is no advantage or consequence in applying by either deadline.

## 14. Where can I find support if I need assistance with the Kansas CommonApp portal?

Applicants can submit a [Help Desk Request](#) for technical assistance, which goes directly to grant staff.

## 15. What are bonus points and how do they apply to the application and review process?

- Applicants can receive bonus points for including any of the elements listed below. Competitive applications will include one or more of these elements that speak to equity, quality, and sustainability within the community.
- Applicants with documented support and/or collaboration with a city or county council will receive up to 5 points.
- Applicants adding infant and toddler capacity will receive up to 5 points. Baseline infant capacity data sources is the Child Care Aware of Kansas (CCA-KS) [point-in-time data by county](#).
- Projects with documented care coordination services embedded in project operations will receive up to 5 bonus points.
- Applicants with ownership ties to an existing licensed child care facility in operation for at least three years and in good standing with KDHE will receive up to 3 bonus points.
- Projects with proximate access to public transportation or documented supports to enable affordable transportation to the facility will receive up to 3 bonus points.

## 16. What should interested applicants know about the reporting requirements?

All funded organizations and community partners will be required to participate in project evaluation efforts and collect data, no less than monthly. The Kansas Children's Cabinet and Trust Fund will comply with all reporting requirements set by the funder and will provide additional details in subsequent grant award contracts.

**17. If my project is selected, how long do I have to wait to incur expenses?**

Individual awarded projects may begin incurring expenses to be reimbursed based on the execution date outlined in their individual Grant Award Notice (GAN). Grantees should not begin incurring expenses until after they've been given formal notice of award with a signed and executed GAN.

**18. What is the timeline for spending funds? Does it have to be by a certain date?**

The Capital Projects Fund Accelerator grant funding timeline runs through September 30, 2025. There may be an opportunity for a no-cost time extension through June 30, 2026, to complete the project if sufficient progress has been documented.

**19. Will there be another Capital Projects Fund Accelerator RFP in the future?**

At this time the Kansas Children's Cabinet and Trust Fund does not anticipate additional rounds of the Capital Projects Fund beyond this grant opportunity. The best place to stay connected to information about grant opportunities in the future is the **All In For Kansas Kids** weekly e-mail.