

GAIA Daycare Provider Grant

Purpose: The purpose of this program is to provide day care providers with funding assistance to increase efficiency or enhance/expand their day care services.

Eligible Businesses: Day care businesses that provide routine care for 3 or more children for other families in the Garrison trade area or affiliated areas.

Maximum Grant: The maximum amount of reimbursement per single business or combined applications in one calendar year is up to 75% of the out-of-pocket expenses related to the identified project, not to exceed \$3000.00.

(Example: \$4000.00 project cost X .75 = \$3000.00 grant request. Applicant would have to invest \$1000.00 of their own money and/or labor credit).

Labor credit toward 25% applicant investment: Applicant(s) may receive credit for self labor based on \$15.00/hour with a \$400.00 maximum credit.

Grant Application: Applicants are to complete a grant application giving detailed explanation of the project. Bids for material are helpful. Grant funds are to be used only for expenses outlined in the application, purchase receipts required.

Grant Approval: All approvals are subject to funds being available for this program. Subsequent use of other GAIA Grants and/or loans may influence grant approval. Once the application is approved, the applicant has 9 months to utilize the grant funds for their project. Extension may be granted due to reasons beyond the control of the applicant, but will be done only with board approval.

Note: Materials and hired labor used for the project must be purchased locally, unless not otherwise available.