

SONOMA COUNTY CHILD CARE FACILITIES FUND

Fiscal Year 2026



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OUR MISSION & VISION

Everyone in the United States should benefit from living in a community of opportunity, equity and well-being. LIIF mobilizes capital and partners to achieve this vision for people and communities.



LIIF in the Bay Area

- We strengthen the ECE sector by providing grants and technical assistance to renovate, expand, and build child care facilities.
- Our team's focus: San Francisco and Sonoma County
- Past involvement in Sonoma:
 - Support after 2017 wildfires
 - 75 ECE programs received support through California IGP program
- Now: Addressing emergency facility needs in Sonoma



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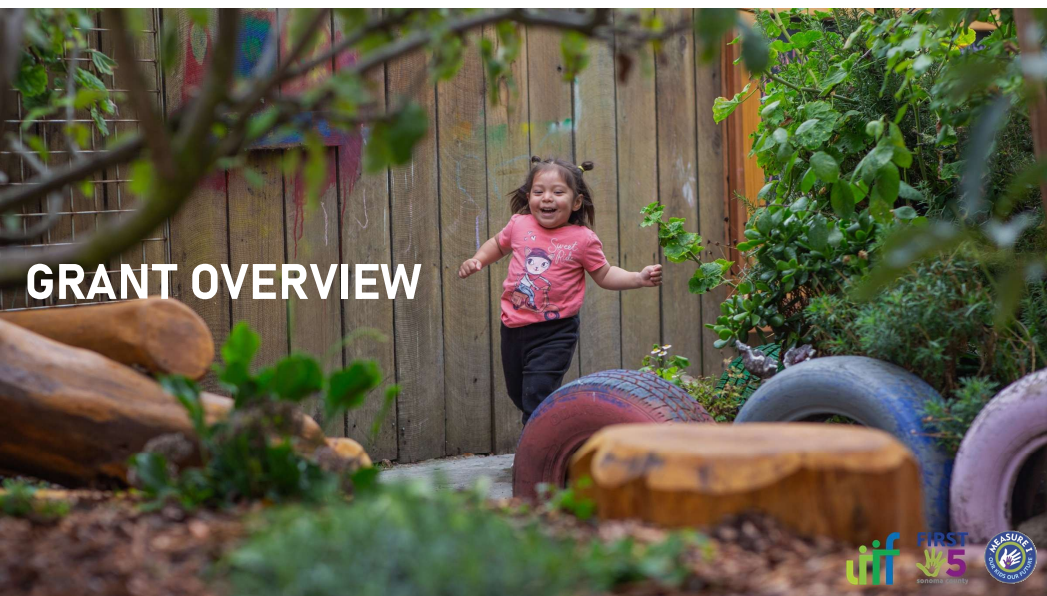
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GRANT OVERVIEW

PURPOSE OF RENOVATION AND REPAIR FUND

WHERE? This funding is provided through First 5 Sonoma County through Measure I.

WHO? Eligible family child care homes (FCCs), child care centers, and license exempt programs.

WHY? The Renovation and Repair Grant supports critical health and safety repairs, promotes high-quality physical environments, expands licensing capacity, and addresses other key facility-related challenges that impact the quality and sustainability of early learning programs.



AVAILABLE FUNDING

GRANT	AMOUNT	TERMS
Renovation & Repair	Up to \$50,000	3 years

*Applications are accepted on a rolling basis through May 1, 2026.



RENOVATION AND REPAIR

To help repair worn-out or damaged areas in your child care space so you can prevent future health and safety risks.

PROJECTS MAY INCLUDE:

- Water Damage
- Flooring
- Leaking
- Mold Remediation
- Windows
- Roofing



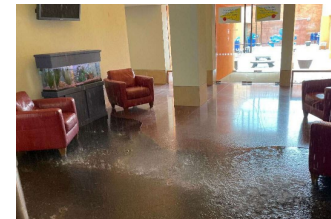
HIGHEST PRIORITY: EMERGENCY REPAIRS

- Renovations or repairs that affect the operator's ability to maintain their license.
- Renovations or repairs that affect the operator's ability to keep their homeowner's or facility insurance.
- At risk of closure due to poor facility conditions.
- At risk of closure due to existing code violations.



EMERGENCY EXAMPLES:

- HVAC not working in extreme weather
- Fencing broken or missing sections
- Windows are broken or pose potential threat to children
- Flooding causing a shutdown
- Fire damage



INELIGIBLE USES

- Operating costs (salaries, rent, etc.)
- Consumables/ Non-permanent materials (paint, cleaning supplies, toys)
- Professional Development or training
- Vehicle/Transportation expenses
- Electronics
- Loans or debt payments
- Reimbursements
- Administrative costs (office supplies, bookkeeping, etc..)



PROVIDER ELIGIBILITY

YOU MUST:

- Located in Sonoma County
- Licensed (FCC or Center) and in compliance with CDSS/CCLD
- Or license exempt program with proof of active status
- Serve or plan to serve children birth to five (5) years of age
- Renters and homeowners are eligible
- Site Control: evidence of site control for the three-year term of the grant (e.g., a lease or a deed of trust)

PRIORITIES

- **FIRST-TIME FACILITIES GRANTEES:** Never received a facilities grant in the past three years from First 5 Sonoma County, Sonoma CAN (formerly CAP Sonoma), or the CDSS Infrastructure Grant Program
- **LOCATION:** Child Care Deserts
- **PROJECTS MEET DEFINITION OF URGENT NEEDS:**
 - Site needs reno/repair that is affecting the operator's ability to maintain license
 - Site needs reno/repair that is affecting the operator's ability to maintain home owner's or facility insurance
 - Programs facing closure due to substandard facilities/code violations
- **CHILDREN SERVED:**
 - Through subsidized care
 - Infants and toddlers or intends to enroll infants (less than 24 months old)
 - Specialized in care for special needs or children experiencing homelessness or in foster care

PROJECT URGENCY RATING SCALE

URGENCY	INDICATORS
CRITICAL (HIGHEST PRIORITY)	• Active Type A Violations from CCL • Closed due to facility issues • Risk of a cited Type A violation or suspension • Immediate health and safety risk
SERIOUS	• Conditions can be a health/safety concern but not violations • Maintenance issues may result in closure or violation • Some areas of program hazardous or inaccessible • Repairs are needed within the next 3–12 months to avoid becoming a critical need.
PREVENTATIVE	• Projects are preventative, cosmetic or quality of life improvements • No health/safety risk • Projects are not necessary for maintaining licensing or operation • Projects may be addressed in 12+ months

ACTIVITY: SCENARIOS



HVAC

1. The system is operational but aging. Provider wants to upgrade to improve energy efficiency.



CRITICAL

2. The HVAC system has failed entirely during extreme heat or cold, creating unsafe indoor temperatures for children and staff.



SERIOUS

3. The HVAC system does not adequately heat or cool one area of the facility.



PREVENTATIVE



WINDOWS

1. The facility's window does not close, and it is located next to a busy street.



CRITICAL

2. Provider is requesting an upgrade to double-pane windows to reduce noise



SERIOUS

3. The program's window is very hard to open and close, causing strain for the teachers



PREVENTATIVE



APPLICATION PROCESS



01.

INTAKE

- Attend information session
- Fill out intake form
- A program officer will schedule a phone call with you

02.

PROGRAM ELIGIBILITY

- Fill out eligibility form
- If eligible, a program officer will schedule a site visit to assess your space

03.

SITE VISIT

- A program officer will visit and take photos and assess eligible projects.

04.

GRANT APPLICATION

- Submit project budget.
- Gather all bids and shopping carts
- Apply for grant

05.

GRANT AGREEMENT & MONITORING

- Sign grant agreement
- Post site visit after work is complete
- Submit all invoices and receipts for purchases
- Submit 3 years of annual reports.

INTAKE FORM



Enter a form heading

Name of Child Care Program *

Enter your name

Program Type *

Choose one... ▾

License Number *

Enter your answer

Program Address *

Enter your answer

Zip Code *

Enter a number

Program Main Contact Name *

Enter your answer

Program Main Contact Title *

Enter your answer

Program Main Contact Email Address *

Enter your answer

Program Main Contact Language Preference *

Choose one... ▾

Site control for the three-year grant term is a condition of this funding. Does your program own the facility or have a lease for at least three years? *

Choose one... ▾

What children does your program serve? Select all that apply. (multi select)

- ☐ The program serves children receiving subsidized care
- ☐ The program currently serves infants and toddlers or intends to enroll infants (less than 24 months old)
- ☐ The program specializes in providing care for children with special needs or children experiencing homelessness or in foster care

We are prioritizing urgent facility projects. Which of the following best describes the urgency of your current facility project? Please select one. If you have multiple facility needs, please select the highest level need project for this form. *

Choose one... ▾

If applicable, please add any further descriptions of your facility needs here.

Enter your answer

Submit

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Rating your own projects

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- **CRITICAL:** Immediate health and safety risk - Our facility has an active licensing violation or critical issue (e.g., space is closed, major systems failure, or health/safety risk) that must be addressed immediately to continue operations.
- **SERIOUS:** Significant risk – Our facility has significant issues that pose health/safety risks or may escalate into violations if not addressed.
- **PREVENTATIVE:** Long-term quality enhancement – Our facility project is focused on long-term improvements, preventative maintenance, or quality enhancements that are not urgent to licensing, health, or safety.





SITE VISITS

- Program Officers will visit a site **twice**:
 - One time after completing the eligibility form
 - One time after you complete your renovation and repair work
- Site visits are **required and conducted during childcare hours**
- Program Officer will ask to see all your licensed space and do a tour with you for all projects
- Please make sure one adult can walk with us while another takes care of the children
- Additional site visits may be requested



PROOF OF FUNDS

PROJECT	COST
Plumbing	\$45,000
Sidewalk Repair	\$20,000
TOTAL	\$65,000
LIIF	\$50,000
Program	\$15,000

- Maximum grant amount is \$50,000
- The program must have sufficient funds to fully complete the project
- Programs should be prepared to provide **proof of funds** for any costs exceeding the grant amount (Bank statements or bank accounts)



Prioritize the most urgent health and safety issues when requesting grant funding.

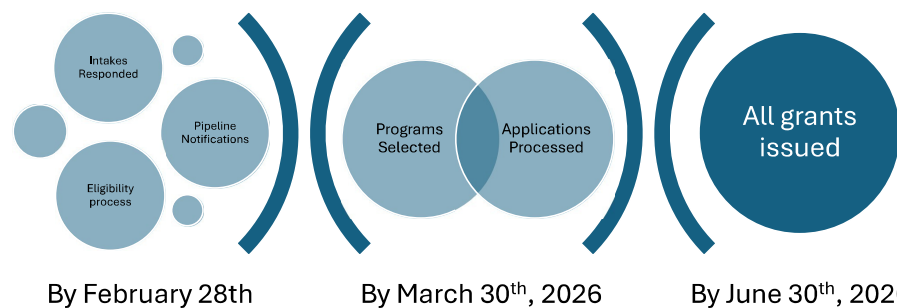


NEXT STEPS

- Submit your intake form.
- LIIF will process intake forms prioritize projects.
- If you are selected to move forward, LIIF will reach out with more information.
- A program officer will be assigned to you, and you will receive an initial phone call to assess your needs
- LIIF will provide one-on-one support for those selected, including a potential phone call and site visit to your facility.
- All projects that are eligible but not selected will be notified by March 30th. These projects will be considered for future funding.



TIMELINE



OTHER INFO SESSIONS

Family Child Care

January 6, 2026
6:00 PM - 7:00 PM
Location: Zoom



Center

January 8, 2026
6:00 PM - 7:00 PM
Location: Zoom



INTAKE FORM

- Please use the QR code to fill out the intake form
- Available in Spanish and English

English



Spanish



Questions? Reach out to ccff@liifund.org



THANK YOU

