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## C4K Early Learning Quality and Capacity

### Application/Approval Process

The Communities for Kids (C4K) initiative is a multi-year planning and implementation initiative that was created in response to community requests for assistance with shortages of high-quality early childhood care and education programs.

#### **Application Process:**

1. Complete Application: On-line at [bccp.org/ecapplication/](http://bccp.org/ecapplication/)
2. Request of \$1000 or more for minor renovations or materials must have **TWO** job cost estimates accompanying the application.
3. Submit application to [earlychildhood@bcchp.org](mailto:earlychildhood@bcchp.org)

#### **Grant determination: criteria and guidelines.**

All grants will be handled as a Grant of Acceptance. Once approved, sign the Q&C grant acceptance form, attach an invoice showing the amount due and the company name. Submit all forms together to [earlychildhood@bcchp.org](mailto:earlychildhood@bcchp.org)

#### **Eligibility for Child Care Centers and Family Child Care Homes:**

- Enrolled in Step Up to Quality and have a plan to achieve Step 2 or higher within 12 months, and/or nationally accredited.
- Implementing or planning to implement social-emotional curricula such as Pyramid Model, Second Step, etc.
- Programs must have a contract (or be willing to obtain a contract) with the Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services to provide care for families on child care subsidy and must be serving at least on child (or be willing to serve children) on subsidy.
- Have a strong leadership in the community lead planning and implementation efforts and to speak about early childhood policy issues.

#### **Processing Procedure:**

- Application returned to [earlychildhood@bcchp.org](mailto:earlychildhood@bcchp.org)
- All applications requesting \$300 or less may be processed by the Early Childhood Coordinator. All applications requesting more than \$300.00 will be reviewed/approved by the Buffalo County Community Early Childhood ELS/Quality and Capacity committee.
- Grant cycle runs until April 30, 2023.
- **DEADLINE:** All applications must be submitted by 5:00 p.m.. on March 1, 2023.
- Any questions contact BCCP Early Childhood Coordinator:

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