

CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND ACCELERATOR

Summary and Funding Recommendations for Approval
October 19, 2023



Overview of Review Process and Timeline

CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND ROUND 1 PROPOSAL SUMMARY

- Total Proposals Received: **12** Submissions
- Total Funding Requested: **\$63.1 million**
- Total Funding Available: **\$38 million**
 - Round 1 Target: **\$10-\$12 million**
 - Round 2 Target: **\$26-28 million**

The Capital Projects Fund Accelerator grant is made possible by the US Treasury (Treasury) under the Coronavirus Capital Projects Fund (CPF) program established by section 604 of the Social Security Act (SSA), as added by section 9901 of the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) of 2021.

As stated in the RFP, the Kansas Children's Cabinet & Trust Fund (KCCTF) will fund a limited number of Capital Projects Fund Accelerator grants (CPF Accelerator) to eligible applicants. The COVID-19 pandemic and the subsequent public health emergency have changed the health, economic, and education landscape. Kansans have demonstrated resilience and ingenuity in developing coordinated community-driven responses, particularly for their youngest citizens. Leaders from business, education, and health sectors have joined with early childhood champions to strategize how to best meet the multi-layered needs of their employees, patients, and families. This funding opportunity seeks to support that work.

The CPF Accelerator will provide **construction-only** funding to build multi-purpose spaces designed to provide a community-driven, holistic approach to meeting the unique needs of Kansas families with young children. Eligible Projects must meet **ALL** the following criteria to be considered for funding:

- The project is designed to address a critical need that resulted from or was made apparent or exacerbated by the COVID-19 public health emergency.
- The project is designed to increase the number of licensed child care slots (defined as full-day, full-year care for children birth-5).
- The project ensures immediate **broadband** access to community members and for a period of no less than 5 years.

- Projects must have explicit design considerations to enable ALL the following activities for a period of no less than 5 years:
 - **Licensed child care slots** to support quality care and education programming for children B-5 that enable parents and caregivers to participate in employment opportunities.
 - **Work activities** to help community members engage in employment, search for employment, and/or develop the requisite skills and knowledge to become employed.
 - **Education activities** to acquire knowledge and/or skills, undertaken as part of a person’s participation in school, an academic program, extracurricular program, or social-emotional development program.
 - **Health monitoring services** for an individual’s physical and/or behavioral health.

A total of \$38 million is available and the goal of the program is to make awards in the range of \$500,000 to \$5,000,000 across two rounds of awards. The recommendations in this slate constitute the qualified applicants from Round 1 as determined through our standard grant review process. The KCCTF team has provided TA through webinars, direct requests for assistance, and online resources made available at:

<https://allinforkansaskids.org/cpf-accelerator/>

Timeline

Sept. 5, 2023	RFP Released and Kansas CommonApp portal opens
Oct. 2	Round 1 Application Deadline at 5pm CST
Oct. 3 – Oct. 13	Round 1 Review Process
Oct. 19	Round 1 Funding Approvals (KCCTF Board Meeting)
Dec. 18	Round 2 Application Deadline at 5pm CST
Dec 19 – Jan 12, 2024	Round 2 Review Process
Feb. 2	Round 2 Funding Approvals (KCCTF Board Meeting)

Funding Recommendations

Applicant	Funding Request	Proposed Funding	Slots Added	Proposal Overview
Community Children's Center, Inc.	\$5,329,415	\$4,900,000	69	24/7 child care facility providing drop-in and occasional care with sliding scale tuition
The Grove Community Center	\$3,597,250	\$3,597,250	77	Community Center housing a senior center and a licensed daycare
Little Lyons of Emporia	\$1,756,759	\$1,756,759	167	Increase child care and provide community supports such as mental health services, vocational workshops and training activities
Total Proposed Funding and Slots		\$10,254,009	313	

Community Children’s Center, Inc.

Overview

The Douglas County Early Childhood Community Center is a multi-phased project that will bring 69 day, and 69 overnight childcare spots in addition to community supports through the family resource center. The Center will also provide wraparound services through a co-location model including educational programming, health monitoring services, and broadband access. The Lawrence Community is already benefitting from resources provided at this location, with much more to come by fall of 2024. (Application # 4408)

- City: **Lawrence**
- County: **Douglas**
- Total Project Budget: **\$12,301,020**
- Accelerator Request: **\$5,329,415**
- Accelerator Award: **\$4,900,000**
- New Slots Added: **69**

The Grove Community Center

Overview

The Grove Community Center project will bring 77 licensed child care slots to the Hays area in addition to a variety of community resources. By Fall of 2025, the Grove will be a hub for childcare in a multi-generational setting and access to work and education activities offered throughout the community. The Grove Community Center project exemplifies collaboration and incorporates representatives from higher education, economic development, local governance, and the medical community. (Application # 4401)

- City: **Hays**
- County: **Ellis**
- Total Project Budget: **\$6,033,395**
- Accelerator Request: **\$ 3,597,250**
- Accelerator Award: **\$ 3,597,250**
- New Slots Added: **77**

Little Lyons of Emporia

Overview

Funding provided through this grant opportunity will position Little Lyons of Emporia to bring 167 new child care slots along with a range of community supports. Using a phased approach, the Little Lyons project will introduce mental health services, vocational workshops and training activities, while partnering with additional resources in the community that support basic needs. Little Lyons will become a vibrant hub for community connection and support as this project progresses. (Application # 4419)

- City: **Emporia**
- County: **Lyon**
- Total Project Budget: **\$2,824,155**
- Accelerator Request: **\$1,756,759**
- Accelerator Award: **\$1,756,759**
- New Slots Added: **167**