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GOED drives the economic development environment that ensures the next generation can succeed in South Dakota.





# Community Based Child Care Grant

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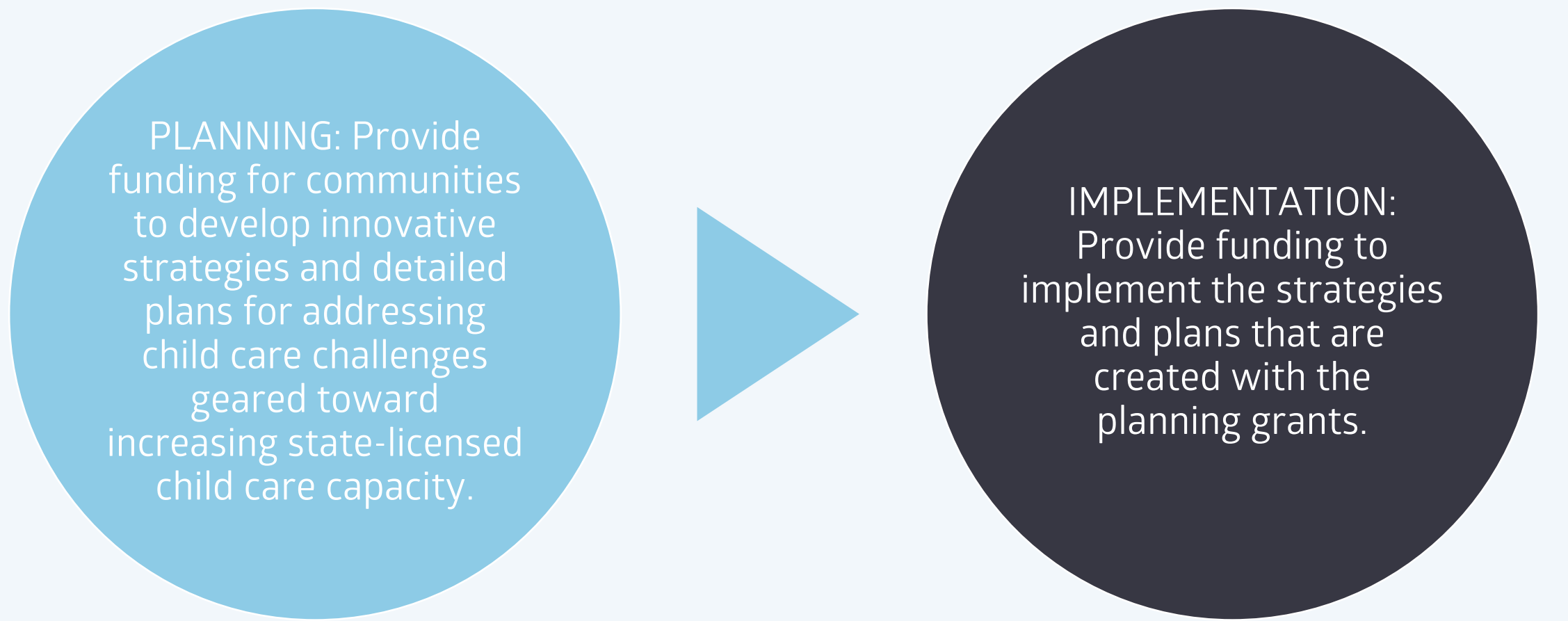
# Partner Relations

# Department of Social Services (DSS)

- Brenda Tidball-Zeltinger | DSS Deputy Secretary
- Becky Nelson | Licensing and Accreditation Manager



# Purpose



PLANNING: Provide funding for communities to develop innovative strategies and detailed plans for addressing child care challenges geared toward increasing state-licensed child care capacity.

IMPLEMENTATION: Provide funding to implement the strategies and plans that are created with the planning grants.

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# Community Based Child Care Solution

Community-based shall be defined as there being more than one entity, each serving an essential role(s) in a partnering arrangement. The community-based solution is then collectively involved in either some or all the planning and implementation phases of the project.

# Keys to a Successful Grant



Innovative Strategies



Detailed Plans



# Eligible Applicants

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Local Economic Development Organizations

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Community Coalitions/Collaboratives/Groups

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Public/Private Partnerships

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Local Governments

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Businesses

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School Districts

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Non-profit Organizations

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For-profit Organizations

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Existing Child Care Providers

# Flow of Funding

01

Lead organization partners with multiple entities in their community to submit a grant application.

02

If awarded a grant, the state will send the funds to the lead organization.

03

The lead organization is responsible to spend the grant funds and/or distribute the grant funds to the participating entities in their community.

# Award Criteria

Successful grant applications will address one or more of these criteria:

1. Seek to find solutions to the child care workforce challenges.
2. Impact communities identified as child care deserts.
3. Seek to increase the accessibility to high-quality child care for infants and toddlers.
4. Support an employer-sponsored program or child care partnership, to expand the number of child care slots in a community and/or accessibility.
5. Seek to improve the child care landscape.



# Available Funds

\$3 million

One-time Federal ARPA  
Funds

# Local Contribution to the Grant

- Matching funds are not required or expected for the planning grant.
- Applicants that bring a local contribution to the funding of their project (specifically for the implementation grant) will be scored more favorably than applicants that do not include a local contribution.

# Planning Grant

Proposals that meet the criteria will be eligible for a planning grant for up to \$50,000. Potentially setting aside \$1.0 MM for planning, which would allow up to 20 grants to be awarded. However, this amount may be adjusted based on the applications that are received.

Applicants may submit requests for the following (but are not limited to):

1. The hiring of a consultant to assist in implementation of grant activities
2. Funding of a survey to better understand community needs related to child care
3. Travel costs, food costs, or stipends for focus group participants
4. Stipend for workgroups who meet outside of work hours, completing tasks outside of their general role
5. Or other similar activities



# Implementation Grant

Applicants that are awarded a planning grant would automatically be considered for an implementation grant contingent on the quality of the plans they produce in the planning phase. Each planning grant awardee would be eligible for up to an additional \$500,000 (maximum award may be greater dependent on the number of applicants) to implement the plan they developed. The amount awarded will be based on the needs identified in the plans.

Potentially setting aside \$2.0 MM for implementation, which would allow for at least 4 grants to be awarded. The intent would be to award more than 4 grants, but this will be dependent on the quality of the plans created by the communities and the amount awarded to each community. This amount may be adjusted based on the applications that are received.

# Implementation Grant cont.

Approved expenses for implementation include:

1. Equipment and supplies needed for a state-licensed child care facility.
2. Operating expenses during the first 6 months of any new or expanding child care solution. This includes payroll, personnel costs, utilities, PPE and sanitation expenses, etc.

# Approved Expenses

For Implementation Grant





# Grant Execution

- GOED and DSS will work closely together.
- GOED will be the lead agency with support from DSS.
- Contact GOED for all questions regarding this grant program.

# Application



# Application Deadline

- Planning Grant: October 27, 2023
- Submit to: [bradi.stampe@sdgoed.com](mailto:bradi.stampe@sdgoed.com)
- Implementation Grant: more details will follow



# Awards

- GOED will begin to notify recipients of the *planning grant* in early November.
- Instructions and next steps will follow.
- Implementation Grant will follow.

# Frequently Asked Questions

Continually being updated





Questions?



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