



Community Child Care Planning and Needs Assessment Grant Application

January 14, 2019



Child Care in Kelowna

- ▶ Active Living & Culture Department is involved in:
 - ▶ Licensed Childcare
 - ▶ Afterschool at Bankhead & Watson Road Elementary
 - ▶ Preschool & Before-school at Watson Road Elementary
 - ▶ Children's Programming across the City
 - ▶ Sports, Art, Dance, Music, Language, and General Interest
- ▶ Other community agencies
 - ▶ OBGC, YMCA, daycare centres, day homes



Grant Opportunity

- ▶ BC Ministry of Children & Family Development
 - ▶ Community Child Care Planning Program
 - ▶ Union of BC Municipalities
 - ▶ Eligible projects able to receive up to \$25,000 per local municipality/regional district for the purpose of child care planning



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Project Information

- ▶ The project will identify the following:
 - ▶ Regional child care needs and trends
 - ▶ Inventory of existing child care spaces
 - ▶ Space creation targets
 - ▶ Action items to meet space creation needs
- ▶ This will act as a guide for future child care planning for local governments and stakeholders

Regional Picture

- ▶ Families utilize child care across the Central Okanagan
 - ▶ Limited child care spaces
 - ▶ May not meet their specific needs
 - ▶ Convenient location/timing of care
 - ▶ Co-located with other services benefitting children & families
 - ▶ Underserved populations
 - ▶ Low-income families
 - ▶ Young parents
 - ▶ Minority cultures/language groups
 - ▶ Children with extra support needs

Collaborative Project

- ▶ City of Kelowna – Primary Applicant
 - ▶ Co-applicants:
 - ▶ City of West Kelowna
 - ▶ District of Lake Country
 - ▶ District of Peachland
 - ▶ \$100,000 funding request for Child Care Planning & Needs Assessment across the Central Okanagan



Collaborative Project

▶ Partners

- ▶ Child Care Council of Central Okanagan
 - ▶ Child care owners/operators/managers
 - ▶ Post-secondary professional educators
 - ▶ Early Childhood Educators
 - ▶ Parent representatives

▶ Community Stakeholders

- ▶ Child care facilities
- ▶ Community organizations

Outcomes

1. Community child care space inventory
 - ▶ Number and type of spaces available across the region
2. Community stakeholder engagement workshops
3. Child care survey
 - ▶ For child care providers and parents
 - ▶ Questions around community needs, with an emphasis on underserved populations
4. Community child care space creation action plan
 - ▶ Interpreting trends in the data
 - ▶ Review of local plans, policies and bylaws
 - ▶ Actions to meet the needs assessed

Next steps

- ▶ Application deadline: January 18th
- ▶ Will be notified of application status within 90 days
- ▶ Steering committee:
 - ▶ Co-applicants & community partners
- ▶ Request for Proposal
 - ▶ Consulting services to conduct research, analysis and reporting



Questions?

For more information, visit kelowna.ca.