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Strengthen Indy Child Care

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Allowable Expense Guide

What is included in this guide

Awarded early care and education programs may use Strengthen Indy Child Care grant funds across four categories of allowable expenses. These allowable expense categories are:

- 3** Child Care Building Improvements
- 4** Professional Development/Education
- 5** Child Care Program Equipment
- 6** Curriculum and Materials

This guide outlines sample allowable expenses within each category, including important documentation and reporting guidelines.

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Child Care Building Improvements Costs



Examples of these expenses include:



Fencing



Bathrooms

Installing or renovating classroom bathrooms



Room additions

Additional wall or room, permanent room separators, doors



Permanent installations

Permanently-installed cabinets, counters, sinks, or toilets



Playground equipment

Permanently-installed playground equipment



Utilities

New or replaced lighting, heating, or other building utility equipment



Fire detection

Fire alarm, hard-wired smoke detector additions



Professional Development / Education Costs



Examples of these expenses include:



Staff Training and Development



Teambuilding



Child Development Associate Credential



Onboarding and Staff Requirements

Examples include CPR, first aid training, TB testing, drug screens, etc.



Computer or Technology Needs



Child Care Management Services

Examples include Quickbooks, online payroll systems. etc.



Child Care Program Equipment Costs



Examples of these expenses include:



Furniture

Furniture such as tables, chairs, cubbies, cots, cribs, mattresses, and strollers



Diapering and Toileting

Diapering and toileting materials such as stools, gloves, diaper changing paper, or barrier



Feeding Materials

Materials for eating, such as plates, and cooking utensils



Consumables

Consumables such as soap and cleaning supplies



Health and Safety

Health and safety supplies such as first aid kits or thermometers



Appliances

Appliances such as refrigerators, ovens, dishwashers, or other necessary items for food preparation



Curriculum and Materials Costs



Examples of these expenses include:



Curriculum



Curriculum Tool Kits



Trainings on Curriculum



Curriculum Management Services

Online progress tracking for students



Play and Learning Materials

Materials for play and learning, such as blocks, musical instruments, and art easel

