Emergency Relief Grants

Emergency relief grants are designed to provide immediate assistance for unforeseen emergencies to eligible early care and education programs. Relief grants are intended to help grantees cover expenses for unexpected problems that impact their ability to meet their mission, or an unanticipated opportunity that will enhance its work.

**Timing:** As need arises. Applications are accepted on a rolling basis as a plan for addressing the problem is identified. Decisions will be made within 10 working days of receiving the application.

**Grant amount:** The maximum emergency grant is $6,000.

**Criteria for eligibility for emergency grant funds:**
- Viable Vermont organization offering child care programs
- Child care program has a STARS level of 3–5
- One-time need that is unbudgeted, unforeseen and time-sensitive
- No more often than once every two years

**Specific examples of what will be considered:**
- Emergency repairs of building or infrastructure if this sudden and unexpected failure interferes with operations (e.g., roof collapse from extreme weather)
- Replacement of essential equipment and technology if this sudden and unexpected failure interferes with operations (e.g., a stove used to prepare meals for children in the program breaks)
- Provision of services or acquisition of resource that could not have been anticipated or budgeted without which the program would be compromised (e.g., hiring a temporary replacement for someone on emergency medical leave)

**Emergency relief grants may not be used for the following:**
- Deferred building maintenance
- Deferred technology upgrades
- Capital campaigns
- Planning or organizational needs

For more information and to apply, please visit [www.vtchildrenstrust.org](http://www.vtchildrenstrust.org)
The 0–5 Emergency and Innovation Fund
at the Vermont Children’s Trust Foundation

The 0–5 Emergency and Innovation Fund provides child care programs with emergency relief assistance and/or funding for innovative new services, program enhancements or expansions. This fund is made possible by The Permanent Fund for Vermont’s Children and the Turrell Fund. The Vermont Children’s Trust Foundation is administering the fund and is now accepting applications for grants.

New & Innovative Project Grants

Project grants are awarded to child care programs focused on children birth through five years old and their families. Programs for which funds are requested must be new or an expansion/enhancement of an existing program to be eligible. Project grants are available for planning or assessment to determine long-term viability of a new program offering (think pilot).

Timing: Deadlines are:
- May 1 for the June award
- September 1 for the October award

Grant amount: The maximum project grant is $10,000.

Criteria for eligibility for project grant:
- Viable organization, based in Vermont, serving children birth through 5 years old and their families
- No more often than once every two years
- Project grant will be used to advance progress toward the goal of ensuring every Vermont child has access to high-quality early care and education
- Organization has STARS level of 3–5; or if new program demonstrates a plan for achieving a 3–5 level
- Successful grant requests will demonstrate/meet one or both of the following objectives:
  - Increase capacity of child care in Vermont
  - Enhance quality of child care in Vermont