

2024 CHILD CARE BUSINESS INCENTIVES 2.0

GRANT SUMMARIES

Area Residential Care, Inc., Dubuque - \$390,000

The Area Residential Care (ARC) project will include the repurposing of an onsite location which will provide 35 new child care slots along with an outdoor, nature-inspired play space. With over 36 years of experience, ARC will partner with St. Mark Early Childhood to provide reliable child care for their employees serving ages 8 weeks through 4 years.

Colfax Economic Development Corporation, Colfax - \$1,706,721

Located on the elementary school campus, once built, the Colfax Child Care Center will be able to provide quality child care to over 100 children within the Colfax and surrounding communities. The location of the new center will allow an easy transition for both children and families as the child ages into preschool and on into elementary. As being in a high need area, this center will be one of two locations providing child care services in Colfax, providing services for infants up to preschool age.

Decatur County Hospital, Leon - \$1,488,221

To address the lack of child care for the employees of Decatur County Hospital (DCH), their project will construct a new center, creating 60 new child care slots in Leon. Through partnerships with Central Decatur Community School District and Funshine Learning Center, the new child care facility will include six classrooms, a multi-purpose large motor room and a partially-covered outdoor space. 30 spaces will be reserved for employees of DCH and will seek to employ students interested in early childhood from Graceland University, as well as Lamoni and Central Decatur Community School Districts

Glenwood Community School District, Glenwood - \$1,443,235

The Glenwood Community School District project will partner with Kids Place Childcare Champions, who has been serving the area since 1991, and renovate a portion of the Central Office building to create a holistic educational environment, increasing their total capacity to 140 children. By partnering with Iowa Western Community College, the center will also be able to provide valuable work study opportunities for college students entering into the childcare field as well provide consistent child care for families.

Hancock County Economic Development, Garner - \$1,801,721

As a consortium award, the Hancock County Economic Development will be the lead sponsor for the construction of a new child care facility that will add 71 additional slots to the current center. Located in a county with some of the highest child care demands in the state, this new facility will be able to serve families with children as young as 6 weeks through kindergarten. The current child care center has a Level 1 rating in Iowa's Quality for Kids Program, a ranking only achieved by 25% of centers statewide.

New Albin Savings Bank, New Albin - \$79,200

This new child care center located in Lansing, will serve three towns in the Eastern Allamakee Community School District. With over 100 new child care slots available, this project will partner with the school district to utilize a portion of the middle school building serving children 8 weeks through 4 years old. Formed in 2022, the Learning Tree Child Care Center will operate the renovated space with both morning and evening extended hours.

Riceville Community School District, Riceville - \$1,084,221

This project includes a renovation to ensure the center can maintain current capacity considering the need for the school district to reclaim a portion of it to accommodate increased enrollment. The project will add 22 additional slots to the child care center. Additionally, this project will partner with Little Cats Daycare to add an 22 slots to the existing child care center, allowing the center to provide a total of 122 child care slots to a growing community.

Reach For Your Potential, Inc., Iowa City - \$911,321

The Reach For Your Potential Childcare Center will focus on providing reliable and affordable child care for low and middle-income families around the Iowa City area. With offering extended hours as late as 8:30pm, the center will strive to meet the needs of families that work non-traditional, or shift-based, hours and provide care for children as young as 8 weeks. The renovated space will provide up to seven, age-specific classrooms, along with an outdoor playground and green space.

St. Anthony's Regional Hospital and Nursing Home, Carroll - \$1,484,221

With a workforce from six counties and the largest employer in Carroll, the St. Anthony's Regional Hospital will construct a new, onsite child care facility to serve up to 107 children and expand the workforce by over 13 new, full-time employees. St. Anthony's goal is to promote the new child care center to enhance it's appeal as an employer in the region by prioritizing registration for employees.

Total Award Amount: \$10,388,861

Total of New Slots Created: 649

Total Awards: 9

Additional Funding Awards to 2022 Child Care Business Incentives Awardees

Allen Memorial Hospital Corporation, Waterloo - \$496,174 (total award amount \$2,501,500)

Allen Memorial Hospital Corporation has partnered with Cedar Valley Kids to construct a new child care facility in the North Crossing area of Waterloo. The original goal of the project was to increase the availability of child care slots for employees of Allen Hospital by 60 slots as well as add an additional 40 slots for surrounding communities. With the additional funding increase, Allen Memorial Hospital will

expand the building with another classroom, increasing enrollment with another 16 child care slots. When completed, the center is expected to employ 70 people, with 32 full time employees.

Danfoss Power Solutions (US) Co., Ames - \$1,636,500 (total award amount \$3,000,000)

The Danfoss project in Ames, IA will serve as a pilot location for hopes to become a scalable endeavor for other Danfoss locations in the future. The project not only increases the supply of child care in Ames but also benefits employees in seven additional surrounding communities. The additional funding will move the original 80-child care slot project to now a 164-child care slot project and support the construction of a large motor activity room.

Dubuque Childcare Collaborative, LLC., Dubuque - \$845,200 (total award amount \$3,000,000)

The new Dubuque Industrial Center West Multi-Employer Childcare Center initially created 120 new child care slots for participating local employers and increase capacity for gap coverages, including infant care, shift care, drop-in care, and sick care. This project also including creating a new Preschool within the building. By partnering with nine local businesses, the center will utilize the additional funding to renovate additional space creating an additional 100 child care slots.

Dyersville Industries, Inc., Dyersville - \$675,000 (total award amount \$2,425,000)

A consortium of 12 businesses with over 1,000 employees, under the umbrella of Dyersville Industries, Inc., constructed an 8,000 sq ft, green child care center located in an area where the greatest need exists. The new center created 131 slots for infant to preschool, of affordable and accessible child care. The consortium partnered with Kid Project, who has been operating a non-profit day care facility for the past 30 years in the community. The additional funding will support 25 additional child care slots, as well as providing funding for additional fencing and trail construction for outdoor activities.

Total Additional Funding Award Amount: \$3,652,874

Total of Additional New Slots Created: 225

Total Awards: 4

Combined Awards

Total Award Amount: \$14,041,735

Total of New Slots Created: 874

Total Awards: 13