

**Welcome to our info session.
Please settle in as we begin our
discussion of LIIF's 2026-2027 center
grant programs.**

We will begin in a moment.



Take a grounding breath. Bring to mind one thing you love about your center, and one area ready for improvement.



Poll Question:

When you think about improving your center, which area feels most important right now?



LIIF Facility Grants for Centers

Fiscal Year 2027





OUR MISSION & VISION

Everyone in the United States should benefit from living in a community of opportunity, equity and well-being. LIIF mobilizes capital and partners to achieve this vision for people and communities.



AGENDA

- DEC & LIIF Introductions
- Vision for Quality
- New Development Grants
- Renovation, Repair, and Enhancement Grants
- Application Process
- Q&A



San Francisco Department of
Early Childhood

The Child Care Facilities Fund is funded by the San Francisco Department of Early Childhood and administered by LIIF.

2026–2027 Priorities

LIIF & DEC will prioritize new development projects that increase infant and toddler capacity and meet unmet demand in priority communities. We will evaluate project eligibility based on:

- Preschool space saturation
- Infant-Toddler data analysis
- Communities/neighborhoods with greatest unmet need
- Priority populations



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Program Eligibility

- Funding is provided through the Department of Early Childhood (DEC).
- Funding is available for center-based programs that are part of the Early Learning For All (ELFA) network.



- Natural light, neutral colors
- Warm, welcoming entry spaces
- Direct access to outdoor space
- Dedicated areas for teaching staff
- Independence-centered classrooms
- Infant and toddler capacity
- More space per child than Licensing requires
 - For new centers, a minimum of 50 sq ft per child of usable indoor space

Our Vision for Quality



NATURAL LIGHT, NEUTRAL COLORS



Images courtesy of Dorman Associates



WARM & WELCOMING ENTRY SPACES



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DIRECT ACCESS TO OUTDOOR PLAY SPACE



TWO CATEGORIES OF CENTER GRANTS

New
Development

Renovation,
Repair, and
Enhancement

NEW
DEVELOPMENT
GRANTS

NEW DEVELOPMENT GRANTS

Grant	Amount	Eligible Uses
Pre-Development	Up to \$200,000	Planning and pre-development costs: Feasibility studies, business plan development, permits, architectural services, and consultants.
Capital New Development	Up to \$4,000,000	Planning costs, building acquisition, architectural design, development, construction, major renovation, and furniture/equipment purchases. Projects must increase the number of child care spaces.
Start-Up	Up to \$4,000 per each new child care space	Initial operating costs for up to three months: Staff salaries, rent/mortgage payments, utilities, professional development, and other uses as identified by LIIF staff.



PRE-DEVELOPMENT: ELIGIBLE USES



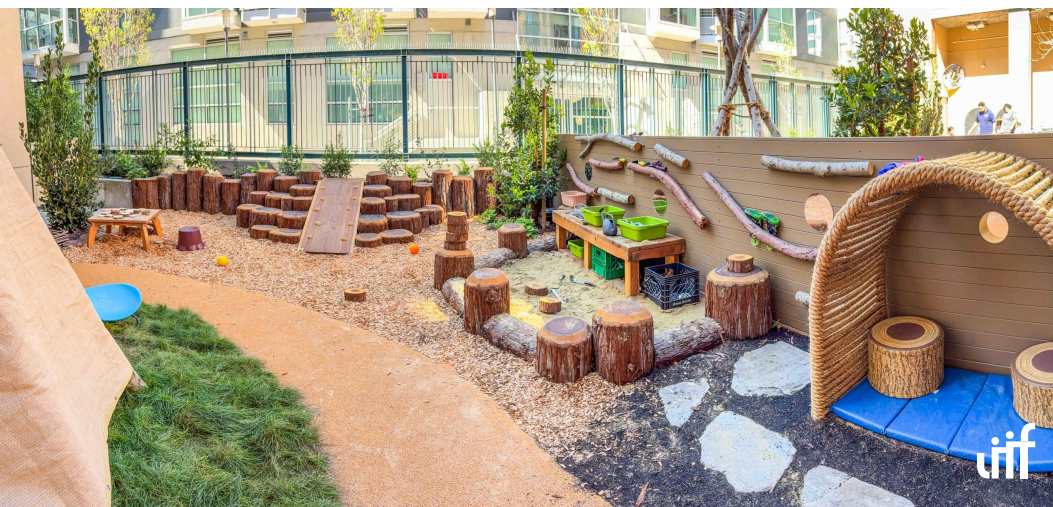
CAPITAL NEW DEVELOPMENT: ELIGIBLE USES



START-UP: ELIGIBLE USES



OUTDOOR SPACE



COMPLETED PROJECT



FCCs Interested in Opening a Center

- ELFA-qualified FCC providers may be eligible for a **Pre-Development Grant**.
- The center must be in a **non-residential space approved by DEC**.
- Grants do not cover the full project cost. Additional funding will be required.
- Developing a new center is a complex process that can take several years.



RENOVATION, REPAIR, AND ENHANCEMENT GRANTS



RENOVATION GRANTS

Grant	Amount	Eligible Uses
Renovation, Repair, and Enhancement	Up to \$300,000	Physical improvements to preserve or increase child care spaces: Renovations to child care space (inside or outside); repairs to facility or equipment; accessibility repairs; equipment purchases; emergencies; and compliance costs.
Infant & Toddler Conversion	Up to \$300,000	Conversion of existing spaces to infant and toddler classrooms. Includes renovations and furniture/equipment purchases.
Connecting Children to Nature	Case-by-case	Transformation of outdoor space: Landscape architecture/design; natural materials; plantings; and natural play elements.
Facility Inclusion Enhancement	Up to \$100,000	Physical improvements to enhance inclusive environments that support children's access, participation, sensory regulation, development, and individualized learning.



RENOVATION, REPAIR, AND ENHANCEMENT

Funding to help repair worn-out or damaged areas in your child care space so you can address health and safety risks or prevent future ones.

- Water Damage
- Flooring
- Leaking
- Mold Remediation
- Windows
- Roofing
- Emergency Projects



INFANT & TODDLER CONVERSION: BEFORE



INFANT & TODDLER CONVERSION: AFTER



CONNECTING CHILDREN TO NATURE: CENTERS

This grant helps child care centers create engaging, nature-filled outdoor spaces where children can explore, play, and learn.

Selected centers also receive one year of professional development and coaching.

Join our information session to learn about the grant, eligibility requirements, application process, and program expectations.

Attendance at the information session is **required**. Programs that do not attend will not be considered.



Day: September 23, 2026

Time: 6:00 PM

Where: Virtual - Zoom



NEW THIS YEAR

FACILITY INCLUSION ENHANCEMENT PILOT PROGRAM

This grant helps centers create or improve inclusive spaces that support children with different developmental, physical, sensory, and learning needs.

- Accessibility and inclusive design
- Calming and sensory-support spaces
- Therapy, movement, and personalized learning spaces
- Specialized equipment and materials that support inclusion



NEW THIS YEAR

FACILITY INCLUSION ENHANCEMENT PILOT PROGRAM

ELIGIBILITY

- Meet all eligibility requirements for the Renovation, Repair, and Enhancement Grant.
- Meet **at least one** of these inclusion-specific requirements:
 - Have, or be formalizing, a vendor agreement with SFUSD and/or GGRC.
 - Employ at least one qualified specialist for 20+ hours per week in speech and language therapy, school psychology, occupational or physical therapy, or registered behavioral therapy.



01.

INTAKE

- Attend information session
- Fill out intake form
- Connect with a LIIF program officer

02.

SITE VISIT

- A program officer will visit your site, take photos and discuss eligible projects

03.

PROGRAM ELIGIBILITY

- Fill out eligibility form
- If eligible, a program officer will support with application requirements

04.

GRANT APPLICATION

- Submit project budget
- Gather all bids and additional documents
- Complete final application steps

05.

GRANT AGREEMENT & MONITORING

- Sign grant agreement
- Post site visit upon work completion
- Submit all invoices and receipts
- Submit annual reports for the term of the grant

TIMELINE FOR GRANT APPLICATIONS

Facility Inclusion Enhancement Pilot

- Eligibility form: December 1, 2026
- DEC & LIIF program selection: December 2026
- Final application: February 15, 2027

Renovation, Repair, and Enhancement

- Eligibility form: December 1, 2026
- Final application: March 1, 2027

New Development Grants

- Rolling applications; final deadline: May 1, 2027



TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE AND SUPPORT FROM LIIF

Short-Term

- Info Session recording and resource materials
- Individual consultations to discuss project ideas and eligibility

Medium- and Long-Term

- Guidance throughout project planning and application development
- Office hour sessions throughout the year - **NEW!**
- Ongoing partnership from initial project concept through completion



INTAKE FORM

Please use the QR code to fill out the intake form.





Q & A

THANK YOU!

Please take a moment to fill out the survey
at the end of this webinar.



KEY DATES

- Connecting Children to Nature Info Session:
Wednesday September 23, 2026
- FCC Green Backyards Info Session:
Wednesday October 21, 2026
- Inclusion Facilities Enhancement Grant Pilot:
Open now

