



Apply for the Child Care Facility Loan Fund

Who is eligible?

- **Child Care Providers** including individuals, private businesses, non-profit organizations, and entities owned or managed by tribal governments who operate or plan to operate licensed family home-based or center-based programs are eligible. Entities owned or managed by state or local governments, including school districts and charter schools, are not eligible to apply.
- **Employers** including businesses who wish to provide child care for their employees are also eligible to apply.

Virtual Information Sessions

ECECD and NMFA will hold virtual information sessions to share more information about the program and application process. Please join us at these upcoming office hours:

- September 3, 2026 12:30-1:30 p.m.
- September 9, 2026 6-7 p.m.
- September 12, 2026 10-11 a.m.

nmeccd.org.zoom.us/j/82040552799

Visit the Child Care Facility Loan Fund website for more information about the program, frequently asked questions, and other helpful application resources: nmeccd.org/childcareloan/

Questions? Reach out to ECECD.ChildCareLoan@eecd.nm.gov

The Child Care Facility Loan Fund is now accepting loan applications! **This program provides low-interest, long-term loans that may be used for capital projects, including expansion, renovations and repairs, construction of a new building, or for operating capital.**

The Early Childhood Education and Care Department (ECECD) and the New Mexico Finance Authority (NMFA) are proud to partner to offer these loans to make affordable financing available to child care providers who want to make big investments in their businesses and communities.

What kind of projects can get loans?

The Child Care Facility Loan Fund supports projects that renovate, expand, or construct licensed child care facilities to grow child care supply in the state. If you are interested in starting a large improvement or expansion project for your child care business, or constructing a new licensed child care facility, you can apply for these loans to help finance your project. These loans are meant to support major capital projects and start at \$100,000 up to \$2.5 million. The funds available through this competitive grant are limited and applicants should submit detailed, well-planned proposals to expand child care services.

Projects that are located in McKinley, Santa Fe, Sandoval, Lea, Eddy, Bernalillo, and Doña Ana counties are highly encouraged to apply. Although loans are open to all eligible projects statewide, projects that expand quality child care in these high-need counties will receive additional points on the scoring rubric ECECD and NMFA use to evaluate applications.

Providers who are looking for loans larger than \$2.5 million, or who need additional support preparing for the lending process may want to consider alternative loan opportunities. ECECD will share information about other financing options during office hours.



How do I apply?

Applications open on September 1, 2026 at 12 p.m. and close on October 31, 2026 at 5 p.m.

Incomplete applications or applications submitted after the deadline will not be considered for review.

Start your loan application online at:
nmeccd.org/childcareloan

