



Board of County Commissioners Agenda Request

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Agenda Item #

Requested Meeting Date: November 14, 2023

Title of Item: Childcare Acceleration Grant: Award funding

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> REGULAR AGENDA	Action Requested:	<input type="checkbox"/> Direction Requested
<input type="checkbox"/> CONSENT AGENDA	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Approve/Deny Motion	<input type="checkbox"/> Discussion Item
<input type="checkbox"/> INFORMATION ONLY	<input type="checkbox"/> Adopt Resolution (attach draft)	<input type="checkbox"/> Hold Public Hearing* <i>*provide copy of hearing notice that was published</i>

Submitted by: Mark Jeffers	Department: Administration
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Presenter (Name and Title): Mark Jeffers, Economic Development Coordinator	Estimated Time Needed: 5 minutes
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Summary of Issue:

The Aitkin County Economic Development Committee has received and reviewed grant funding requests for the Childcare Acceleration Grant Program. Grant applications for all grants applications reviewed and grant award summary are included.

The Committee recommends and requests approval to award the following grant at this time:

Ashley's Little Adventurers, Ashley Warner, Aitkin, \$4,800.

Aitkin County has been awarded a grant from the Department of Employment and Economic Development (DEED). The Aitkin County Board of Commissioners, have approved this grant funding to be used to directly impact the Community of Aitkin County by establishing the Aitkin County Childcare Acceleration Grant.

The purpose of this grant fund is to help support community members who aspire start their career in childcare and become childcare providers in Aitkin County in an effort to drive economic growth. The main purpose of this grant is to increase childcare slot availability and consideration will be given to new Childcare providers increasing the slot availability. The funding will help support fees associated with new licensing and training needed to open a childcare center or at home facility, general remodeling costs to meet licensing standards and/or funding support to add additional employees to new and existing childcare businesses.

Alternatives, Options, Effects on Others/Comments:

Recommended Action/Motion:

Economic Development requests approval of a motion to award the recommended grants.

Financial Impact:

Is there a cost associated with this request? Yes No

What is the total cost, with tax and shipping? \$

Is this budgeted? Yes No *Please Explain:*

This funding is budgeted through an acquired DEED grant to the County.

2023 Childcare Acceleration Grant Program

Applicant Name	Project Name	Funding Category	City	\$ requested	\$ Awarded
Ashley Warner	Ashley's Little Adventurers	Remodel to meet licensing standards	Aitkin	\$ 4,800.00	\$ 4,800
				\$ 32,871.83	\$ 4,800

\$95,200



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Application for Aitkin County CHILDCARE ACCELERATION Grant Program 2023

- Grant requests should be submitted by EMAIL to: mark.jeffers@co.aitkin.mn.us, subject line: CHILDCARE ACCELERATION GRANT 2023
Or by mail to:
Mark Jeffers
Aitkin County Government Center,
307 2nd Street NW, Room 316,
Aitkin, MN 56431.
- Funding recommendations will be considered at the regularly scheduled monthly meeting of the Aitkin County Economic Development Committee.
- Committee recommendations will be submitted to the Aitkin County Board of Commissioners for final approval.

APPLICANT INFORMATION

PROGRAM INFORMATION

Business Name: Ashley Warner (Ashley's Little Adventurers)
Address: 38934 State Highway 47
Aitkin, MN 56431

Person in Charge of Project: Ashley Warner

Organization Mailing Address (Street Name or P.O. Box or Route and Box # and City and Zip Code):

38934 State Highway 47
Aitkin, MN 56431

Contact Person's Phone #: 612-499-9019

Contact Person's Email: love2fish0711@gmail.com

Description of your childcare business: my business is going to be a play based daycare with additional curriculum throughout the year. The kids will spend time outdoors everyday (weather permitting) we will have crafts, activities, lots of play with problem solving, large motor, fine motor etc.

How many childcare slots will you increase if awarded? 10



PROJECT BUDGET: in the space below, provide a budget for the entire project.

Category	Grant Funds	Applicant Funds	Total
Oburg Fencing BID	3,000 ⁰⁰	2,000 ⁰⁰	5,000 ⁰⁰
Gross Motor Outdoor Toys	300 ⁰⁰	200 ⁰⁰	500 ⁰⁰
Outdoor playset/Swingset	1,500 ⁰⁰	500 ⁰⁰	2,000 ⁰⁰
TOTALS	4,800	2,700⁰⁰	7,500⁰⁰

Will your organization accept a grant if it is partially funded?

Along with your application, please attach all documents that will assist the committee in their decision. Examples should include detailed quotes of work to be accomplished (if available), timeline of potential opening.

Applicant Signature: Ashley Warner

Name Ashley Warner Date: October 11th



FUNDING:

Category for funding (circle or highlight):

- Licensing & training
- Remodel to meet licensing standards
- Supplies to meet licensing standards

Amount requested from Aitkin County

\$4,800

Amount of the business' match

\$2,700

Total projected budget

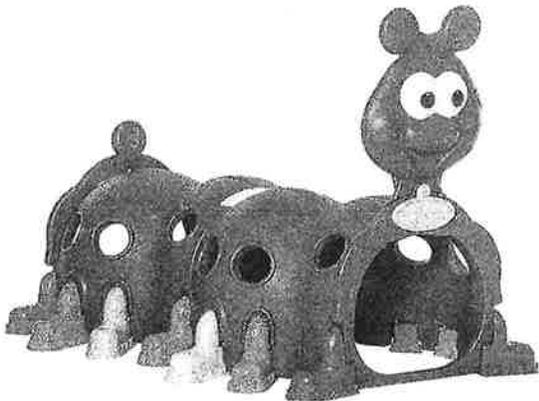
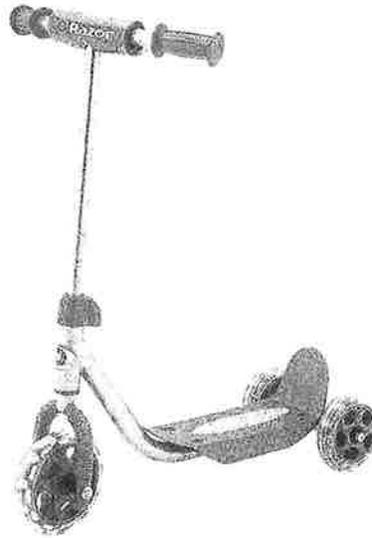
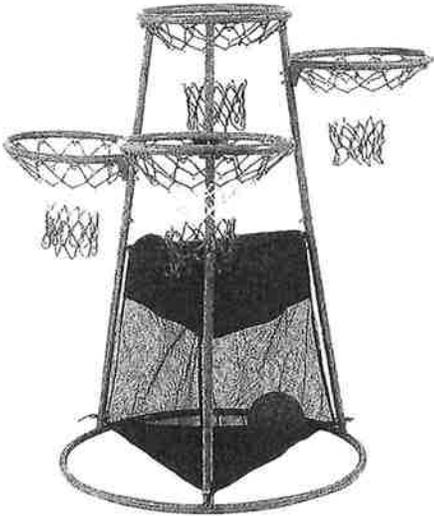
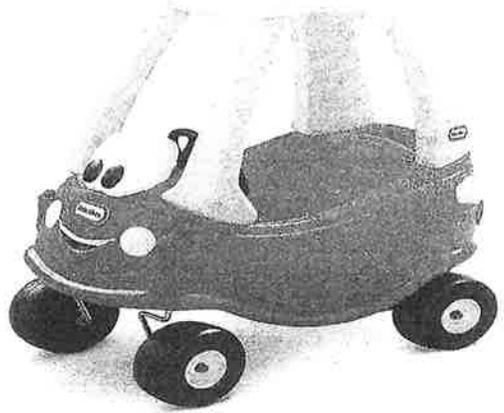
\$7,500

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Be concise and complete; attach supporting information if needed.

I live out on highway 47, pretty close to the highway and would need fence (per licensing) in order to open/become licensed. I have invested money into becoming a licensed childcare provider and would love to be able to have an outdoor playset and toys for the children. I am planning to be open/ready to be open by the beginning of November 2023.

Thank you for your consideration.

- Ashley Warner



Fence Bid

oberg fence

John Brabbit <johnb2185343118@gmail.com>
To: lovetofish0711@gmail.com

Tue, Sep 19, 2023 at 1:15

Ashley
For 30x60x30 of 5' high galvanized chain link fence with one 4' walk gate and one 10' double gate installed - \$ 4,974.00

SAA, but with black chain link - \$ 6,198.00

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John Brabbit
Oberg Fence
Sales-Estimator
218-534-3118