



# Board of County Commissioners Agenda Request

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Agenda Item #

**Requested Meeting Date:** February 27, 2024

**Title of Item:** Childcare Economic Development Grant: Approval to submit grant application

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> REGULAR AGENDA <input type="checkbox"/> CONSENT AGENDA <input type="checkbox"/> INFORMATION ONLY	<b>Action Requested:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Approve/Deny Motion <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopt Resolution (attach draft) <small><i>*provide copy of hearing notice that was published</i></small>	<input type="checkbox"/> Direction Requested <input type="checkbox"/> Discussion Item <input type="checkbox"/> Hold Public Hearing*
<b>Submitted by:</b> Mark Jeffers		<b>Department:</b> Administration
<b>Presenter (Name and Title):</b> Mark Jeffers, Economic Development Coordinator		<b>Estimated Time Needed:</b> 10 minutes
<b>Summary of Issue:</b> <p>Staff has identified a grant opportunity to support new child care development facilities in Aitkin County.</p> <p>DEED, through its Economic Development Division, is offering grants designed to support and implement solutions to reduce the childcare shortage in the state, including but not limited to funding for child care business start-ups or expansion, training, facility modifications or incentives to retain employees. The deadline to submit this grant is March 4, 2024.</p> <p>The County applied for this grant in August of 2022 and was awarded \$100,000.</p> <p>A final version of this grant application was not completed prior to the agenda request. A full copy of the final application will be available to the Board on the day of the meeting.</p>		
<b>Alternatives, Options, Effects on Others/Comments:</b>  		
<b>Recommended Action/Motion:</b> Adopt attached resolution to approve submission of DEED Childcare Economic Development Grant and authorize the County Administrator and Economic Development Coordinator to manage the grant if awarded.		
<b>Financial Impact:</b> Is there a cost associated with this request? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No What is the total cost, with tax and shipping? \$ Is this budgeted? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <i>Please Explain:</i>		

Legally binding agreements must have County Attorney approval prior to submission.

**CERTIFIED COPY OF RESOLUTION OF COUNTY BOARD OF AITKIN COUNTY, MINNESOTA**

ADOPTED February 27, 2024

By Commissioner: xxx

**20240227-xxx**

**DEED Childcare Economic Development Grant Submission**

**WHEREAS**, Aitkin County Economic Development Coordinator has identified a grant opportunity to support new child care development facilities in Aitkin County, AND

**WHEREAS**, that the Aitkin County Economic Development Coordinator intends to submit an application requesting a grant; AND

**WHEREAS**, that Aitkin County has the legal authority to apply for financial assistance, and the institutional, managerial, and financial capability to ensure adequate project administration; AND

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that Mark Jeffers, Economic Development Coordinator is hereby authorized to apply to the DEED Childcare Economic Development Grant for funding on behalf of Aitkin County.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, the County Board of Commissioners certifies Jessica Seibert, County Administrator and Mark Jeffers, Economic Development Coordinator, to accept this grant if awarded and execute the Agreement and all documents pertaining to this grant.

Commissioner xxx moved the adoption of the resolution and it was declared adopted upon the following vote

XXX MEMBERS PRESENT

All Members Voting xxx

**STATE OF MINNESOTA}  
COUNTY OF AITKIN}**

I, Jessica Seibert, County Administrator, Aitkin County, Minnesota do hereby certify that I have compared the foregoing with the original resolution filed in the Administration Office of Aitkin County in Aitkin, Minnesota as stated in the minutes of the proceedings of said Board on the 27th day of February 2024, and that the same is a true and correct copy of the whole thereof.

**Witness my hand and seal this 27th day of February 2024**

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Jessica Seibert  
County Administrator