

NATURAL DISASTER RECOVERY GRANT FUND
NON-ALLOWABLE EXPENDITURES

I. Equipment

A. Developmentally/Age Appropriate Equipment/Toys:

1. Infant Swings, Bouncers, Chairs, Rock and Plays and Walkers
3. Swimming Pools
4. Trampolines
5. Portable Sinks

II. Minor Building Modifications:

A. Fire Safety:

1. Fire alarm system;
2. Sprinkler system;
3. Emergency lighting and exit signs;
4. Self-closing door (maximum cap of \$175 total);
5. Barriers surrounding furnace or water heater (maximum cap of \$450 total);
6. Electric smoke alarms and wiring; and
7. Wiring necessary for the installation of items in this section, as needed.

B. External Modifications:

1. Steps leading in to home (maximum cap of \$300 total); and
2. Fence (maximum cap of \$1000 total) - must provide written bids for fences.

C. Bathroom Modifications:

1. Porcelain lavatories (maximum cap of \$150 each);
2. Porcelain toilets (maximum cap of \$150 each); and
3. Necessary plumbing for installation of lavatories and toilets

D. Adaptation for Children with Disabilities (Documentation from at least two parents must be included, which verifies these adaptations are necessary for their child(ren) to access the program and that they intend to use the program for care):

1. Entrance/exit ramp;
2. Widening of doorways; and
3. Handrails or other adaptive equipment.

E. Miscellaneous:

1. Repair of linoleum (maximum cap of \$25.00 per square yard) – must provide written bids for flooring, and only damaged areas of linoleum will be replaced;
2. Lead paint removal/abatement (maximum cap of \$1500.00 total); and/or
3. Paint (maximum cap of \$150.00 total).

III. Property and Facilities:

A. Purchasing of:

1. Buildings, land or vehicles;
2. Air conditioners, air cleaners, humidifiers, furnaces, showers, sliding glass doors, or water heaters.

B. Construction:

1. Buildings, excavation, ceilings, weight-bearing walls, roofs;
2. Additions to existing structures (i.e. finishing basements, finishing bathrooms, adding or enlarging rooms, adding second exits, or windows);
3. Decks, porches, storage sheds, sidewalks, sewer link-ups, fences surrounding swimming pools, wood flooring, garage doors, safety gates, security systems;
4. Tornado shelters.

C. Rental Property: Grant funds may not be used to fund items in rental property, which is NOT exclusively used for childcare unless the requested items can be moved to another location. This includes, but not limited to:

1. Lead paint abatement;
2. Fences;
3. Smoke detectors.

Items purchased with grant funds in rental property that is exclusively used for child care, belong to the Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services until such time the three-year contract has been fulfilled.

IV. Administrative Costs:

A. Fees:

1. Licensing, inspection, advertising and consultant fees;
2. Travel fees, including ground air or rail travel.

B. Materials and Equipment Not Required For Licensure:

1. Non-essential equipment, such as televisions, video recorders, video cameras, computers, printers, cameras, and stereos;
2. Office equipment and materials, such as desks, chairs, tables, answering machines, pencil sharpeners, or cellular phones;
3. Carpeting or wall paneling;

C. Consumable or Disposable Items (including, but not limited to):

1. Food or beverages;
2. Paper products
3. Cleaning supplies.

V. Special Circumstances:

These items are not allowable when the child care is located in the residence of the licensee or other child care staff. This includes, but not limited to:

1. Dishwashers, refrigerators, microwaves, and stoves;
2. Washing machines and clothes dryers;
3. Vacuum cleaners

VI. Training: Transportation and/or lodging costs for the below activities will not be funded. \$250 is the maximum for Family Child Care Homes I/II and \$500 for Child Care Centers

1. Classes (not including First Aid/CPR, Management Training/Getting Down to Business, or Early Learning Guidelines);
2. Workshops;
3. Conferences

VII. Start-Up Cost: This expense is for new facilities which have not held a previous license. Start-up costs (operating costs) are only applicable for the first three months after the grant funds have been awarded. A justification narrative must accompany each item considered as start-up costs.

1. Insurance (only the rider which insures the child care business);
2. Utilities and utility deposits;
3. Telephone (land line not cellular phones; maximum cap of \$50 total);
4. Salaries (not for the facility owner/licensee) (not to exceed 50% of total dollar amount requested).