

Child Care Quality Reimbursement Grant Q & A

Question: Would nap mats or nap cots (those that are elevated off the ground) be allowable under this grant opportunity?

Answer: Yes, nap mats and nap cots would both be allowable and can be requested.

Question: The tablets that we use in our classrooms for Brightwheel, including parent communication, need replacement. Would this be an allowable item in this grant? We know the grant said no office equipment, but these are not for typical office use, but classroom use.

Answer: Tablets for classroom use would be allowable related to the use in question; however, this request would be limited to just two tablets. A desktop computer for the classroom would not be allowable.

Question: I found some furniture from a vendor that I really like (solid wood, seems sturdy and should last). The vendor says these items are proprietary. How do I proceed?

Answer: If the vendor is the sole proprietor of those items, they will be able to provide you with a letter noting they are the sole source that sells those items. The sole source letter should indicate that it applies to the item(s) in question. If the vendor provides you with a sole source letter, then a second vendor price will not be required.

Question: What is a spring riding toy?

Answer: A spring riding toy is a riding toy that you will find at many area parks where the base is a large spring permanently placed in the ground.

Question: We are opening a new toddler room effective August 11th and would like to use these grant funds to help supply the new room with materials. Do you think the timing would work well for this?

Answer: ~~Proposals are due by 5 PM on Monday, July 20, 2026.~~

The due date for proposals has been extended to 5 PM on Tuesday, July 28, 2026. Then, the Review Committee will start reviewing submissions and send award letters and/or denial letters by Friday, July 31, 2026. Purchases can be made only after the award letter is signed, dated, and returned. Depending on the timeliness of the order and shipping process, it is possible that the short timeframe might work on this; however, there is no guarantee. Recommend that you find items you like and reach out to those vendors now to determine the estimated shipping time after the order is placed to determine if the items could arrive quickly enough. Additional time will be needed to organize and put the materials together, as well, prior to the new room opening. Remember, items purchased prior to the signature and return of the Grant Award Letter will not be reimbursed.

Question: We want to stock our classroom libraries with the books that our curriculum uses. Each grade level has about 25 different titles, so this could be roughly 100 children's books. Do we need to list every single title and get two prices for every one or can I bundle them into the one-year-old classes library, two-year-old classes Library, three-year-old classes library, and four-year-old classes Library?

Answer: If the books are not already arranged for purchase as a bundle and a second comparable bundle be found at another vendor, the books will have to be listed individually with two vendor prices for each title/book.

Question: My center is interested in purchasing an AED (small defibrillator for non-medical staff use). Would this be an allowable item to request?

Answer: Unfortunately, health and safety items are not allowable under the funding stream that is being used for these grants, and an AED machine would fall into that category.

Question: We have very tall ceilings and we have spray foam on them, would a tall ladder be considered an appropriate request to use for cleaning purposes? What about sand for sandboxes?

Answer: The ladder is not an appropriate request; however, sand for a sand box would be.

Question: Would real items be an allowable item to request?

Answer: Real items would be an allowable item to request on a limited quantity. However, it is imperative that the quality justification for the real item directly relate to the Texas Rising Star measure for real items. For example, spatulas could be requested as a real item for a kitchen center.