

Program Eligibility and Funding Conditions

Program goals

Special Purpose funding supports the transformation and stabilization of the child care system. The Regional Municipality of York from time to time provides funding for a range of child care expenses, such as, capacity building, play-based materials and equipment, and repairs and maintenance.

Funding categories

Capacity Building funding is intended to support professional learning and development opportunities that build capacity of the early learning and child care sector. Funding will be provided to child care operators to offset costs for the provision of capacity building and professional learning opportunities for staff on site at their programs. It is recognized that operators will be able to provide increased access to professional learning opportunities for all staff if training opportunities are available on site.

Play-based materials and equipment funding is to support child care operators in the creation of enriching environments that are developmentally appropriate and promote children's exploration and learning through play, consistent with the principles of the Early Learning Framework and the foundations of the How Does Learning Happen Pedagogy. Funding can only be used to purchase non-consumable materials and equipment.

Repairs and maintenance funding is to support licensed child care operators and home child care agencies that are not in compliance with licensing requirements or may be at risk of not being in compliance with licensing requirements under *the Child Care and Early Years Act, 2014*. This funding is available for issues that have been identified as a deficiency by Ministry of Education Licensing Services, York Region Health Services or a Third Party Playground Inspector during the current calendar year.

Eligibility requirements

Operators must meet all contractual requirements outlined in this Schedule. Child care programs must be:

- Located in the Regional Municipality of York
- Licensed under the *Child Care and Early Years Act, 2014*

- Child Care programs must hold a clear license from the Ministry of Education, Quality Assurance and Licensing Branch
- Non-Profit or Profit or center and home-based child care operators
- Support the implementation of “How Does Learning Happen”
- Support new requirements under the *Child Care and Early Years Act, 2014*
- Operators must receive approval for funding and submit invoices for payment

Funding conditions

1. The Operator shall complete annual application forms and submit additional information as applicable based on funding category.
2. Operators must submit Schedule J Funding Reconciliation and Payment Request within the timelines identified.
3. Operators must complete Schedule K AODA Training Certificate.
4. Operators must complete the Reconciliation – Play-Based Material and Equipment within the timelines identified.
5. Operators must complete Schedule L, the Declaration Canada Revenue Agency Tax Credit Eligibility for Child Care Funding form.
6. The Operator will submit documentation in the required format to the Region within the time period specified in the Agreement.
7. Operators approved for repairs and maintenance funding and close the approved site within a 6 month period after receipt of funding, shall pay the Region back 50% of the approved allocation.
8. Special Purpose funds not utilized in accordance with any of these funding conditions and/or in accordance within the service contract between the operator and York Region will be returned to York Region.
9. The Region shall pay Special Purpose Funding amount to the Operator not to exceed the total budget for the budget period set out in Schedule I to this Agreement.
10. Meet all contractual and funding requirements.